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NATURAL SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE.

The peculiar degree of interest just now felt by the thinking public in the subject above announced, appears in the fact that three of our leading Theological Reviews have one or more articles on the subject in their last (October) issues.

THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL QUARTERLY has an article on Hugh Miller as the representative of Popular Geology, and another on Science and the Bible. The Princeton Repository opens with an article on the Logical Relations of Religion and Natural Science, and the Bibliotheca Sacra also opens with an article on The Religion of Geology.

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sea of molten matter, races of animals and plants; the introduction or substitution of entirely new forms of life among, or in place of, those previously existing; inundations, earthquakes, eruptions or slow submergence terminating the second period of life, which is followed by new and more complete forms, exactly adapted to the new circumstances.

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ON THE OTHER HAND, we observe some striking coincidences. Both records "show us in early times the continents beneath the ocean, and subsequently lifted out of it. Birds and sea animals are introduced on the fifth day, which may reasonably correspond to oolitic times when birds and reptiles appeared in large numbers.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE THIRD PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA. At a special meeting of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia, held at the Presbyterian House, November 1st, the South-Western Presbyterian Church, Twentieth and Fitzwater streets, lately connected with the Presbytery of Philadelphia, was taken under the watch and care of Presbytery.

THREATS OF DISUNION.

We have been amazed and mortified at the disunion clamor which has been heard all over one portion of our country within the past three weeks. That such a stir—such violent declamations and menaces should have been made with-out meaning or sincerity, simply as artificial political thunder, to deter men from doing what they conceived to be their duty, would have been mortifying; that it should prove to be a sincere expression of feeling and purpose, in those uttering it, would be equally mortifying and painful to every true Christian and every American citizen.

WE WILL NOT BELIEVE IT. The demon of jealousy and discord will have its day, and then will return the reign of sober second thought, of American common sense, of mutual forbearance, which confederated republics must learn to exercise in very large proportions.

THE ASSOCIATION IS ANXIOUS THAT THE "RULES" SHOULD BE APPLIED TO THE "LARGER ECCLIESIASTICAL BODIES." We hope there will be no further delay in applying these "Rules" to themselves.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. REV. E. G. WILDER AND THE KOLAPOOR MISSION. It will no doubt be gratifying to the friends of missions, to learn that the REV. E. G. WILDER, late of the Kolapoor Mission, in Western India, who returned about two years since in consequence of impaired health, is about to resume his labors in that important field, where he and his devoted wife, for a period of five years, labored so patiently and successfully in laying a broad foundation for future usefulness.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. A WORD FOR THE ABSENTEES FROM SYNOD. Mr. EDITOR.—I fear the very pleasant meeting of our Synod in Harrisburg, this fall, may lead some of the very many absentees to think that this absence was not much felt, and that it may be repeated without injury.

GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS AND OUR MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

It appears, from the published accounts of the recent " Jubilee Meeting " of the American Board in Boston, that serious embarrassment was, for a time, apprehended, on account of the action of the General Association of Illinois, in respect to the missions of the Board to slavery.

"ANNALS OF THE POOR." A year has now expired since I first began our labors among the youth of our district, and it seems proper we should communicate, to the numerous persons who have assisted us, the result of twelve months' work.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. THE SYNOD OF PENNSYLVANIA. The following are the chief items of business of interest to the churches:

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. UNION BETWEEN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CANADA AND THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. In our last issue but one, we gave the particulars of a union between the two Presbytery Synods of Nova Scotia.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. ON HOME MISSIONS AND CHURCH EXTENSION. Resolved, That agreeably to the recommendation of the General Assembly, all our churches who do not receive aid through the A. H. M. S., are requested to take up a collections this year for the Church Extension Committee;

idea of "retrogression in the work of missions is not to be entertained for a moment by the church; that all the answers to the church's prayers, and all the past results given by God, demand that our church shall go forward, enlarging her contributions, and giving more of her sons and her daughters to the work of God.

ON ERECTING PARSONAGES. The Committee on Bills and Overtures report that they have received a request that the attention of Synod should be directed to the efforts of the Presbyterian Church to awaken the minds of the inhabitants of a more direct church, by the offer of \$120 for the best essays on this subject.

DEATH OF REV. GEO. CHANDLER. Whereas it has pleased God, in His providence, since the last meeting of Synod, to remove, by death, Rev. George Chandler, of the 4th Presbytery of Philadelphia, for more than forty years the faithful, zealous, devoted, and highly successful pastor of the 1st Presbyterian Church, Kensington;

OUR DOOR PREACHING. On receiving the reports of Presbyteries on the state of religion in the congregations, the Synod feel grateful to the God of all grace, for the measure of success that appears to be attendant on their labors.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. SYNOD OF IOWA. The Synod of Iowa met September 27th, in the 1st Presbyterian Church, of Keosauqua, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. E. J. Gillett, D. D. The usual time in the opening services was occupied with devotional exercises, and religious exercises were held in the evening and on the Sabbath.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. THE TEMPLE OF GOD; or the Holy Catholic Church and Communion of Saints; in the Union. By Charles Pettit Malverne, D. D., D. C. L.: Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Ohio. Philadelphia: Book Store, 1866. 12mo, pp. 143.

FOR THE AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN. THE MINISTERS OFFICE MAGNIFIED: WHY AND HOW? A Discourse for the Times. By Rev. S. J. More, Ballinacorney, Ireland. Philadelphia, Wm. S. Young, Printer.

depositories of the books of the Presbyterian Publication Committee, for circulation within their bounds.

AN INEVITABLE TENDENCY. We quote the following very just and sensible remarks drawn out by the recent meeting of the American Board, in the columns of one of the leading Baptist papers, the Evangelist, of New York:

EDITOR'S TABLE. MILLENNIAL EXPERIENCE; or, God's Will Known and Done. By Rev. Almon Underwood. Boston: Henry Hoyt, 12mo, pp. 378.

BLIND LILIAS; or, Fellowship with God. A Tale for the Young. By a Lady. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 16mo, pp. 408. Beautifully illustrated, and introduced, and recommended by Rev. C. B. Taylor.

MAY COVERLY, The Young Dressmaker. Boston: J. E. Tilton & Co. 16mo, pp. 238, with many illustrations.

PAMPHLETS, PERIODICALS, &c. TOM BROWN AT OXFORD: A Sequel to School Days at Rugby. By Thomas Hughes. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia, for sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

OUR BIBLE CLASS. A small 4 page monthly is issued by the Bible Class of the Manayunk Church, who, as they number one hundred and seventy persons, ranging from fourteen to fifty years of age, and enjoy the teachings of Rev. Mr. Culver, the energetic pastor of the church, may be considered equal to the, by no means trifling work of publishing and editing a paper.

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THE N. Y. Evangelist and C. C. Herald will please copy.

THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY REVIEW, edited by David R. Kerr. October, 1866, Pittsburgh.

THE HEBREW SERVANT. The Bible and the School. The Eighth Psalm. The Church and State. Niagara Falls, The recent Syrian Massacres. Tractarian Traced to its Sources. Examination of Passages of Scripture. The First Assembly. Short Notices.

THE ATTENTION OF OUR READERS IS DIRECTED TO an advertisement of O'Donnell's Book Keeping Institute in another column. From the numerous commendatory notices of the press and the testimonials of its graduates, presented in the circular of the Institute for 1860 and '61, we are disposed to say, that this establishment is eminently worthy the attention of parents who desire to prepare their sons for mercantile pursuits.

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