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CHRISTIAN SELF-CULTURE.

Whatever may be the theories of men, the idea of an unconscious development and progress in character is not countenanced by Scripture.

The work department seems to be carefully managed, and yields a considerable income. The value of manufactured work for the year of ten months, is \$12,717. The amount realized from sales, according to the Treasurer's report, is \$9,965.01.

For the American Presbyterian. NEW CHURCH AT ELMIRA, N. Y. The Second Presbyterian Church of Elmira was organized on the 8th inst., by a committee of the Presbytery of Chemung.

For the American Presbyterian. DEDICATION AT FAIRTON, N. J. MESSRS. EDITORS:—It was an event of special interest to us in this region, and it may interest your readers, as an evidence of progress, to know of the dedication of the church at Fairton, N. J.

For the American Presbyterian. TABOR MISSION. This department of the missionary labors of Calvary Church, under the ministry of Mr. Van Deusen, has enjoyed the singular favor of God from its very commencement.

that bright and glorious multitude, harping with their harps, and crowding the shores of the glassy sea. Hear their one, united testimony. It is that but for their trials they would never have been there. \* \* \* So he brought them to the desired haven! So! It was by a way not of their own choosing. So! It was through winds and waves, and buffeting elements;—the ship tossing about;—neither sun nor stars for many days appeared, and no small tempest lay upon them.

GOD RECOGNISED.

Whatever may be said of the omission of the name of God from the Constitution—and it is said, and surprising—there are two men, filling, or chosen to fill high places in the government, who have given most gratifying and encouraging evidence of a regard for the God of the Christian, and of dependence on his strength, in great and trying emergencies.

Nothing that happens under an economy of grace, should be regarded as purely calamitous; and as far from calamitous should we regard every event, or series of events, which is intended as an adjunct in the high and noble work of Christian self-culture.

PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION FOR THE INSTRUCTION OF THE BLIND.

The twenty-eighth annual report of this valuable institution, has been laid on our table. Philadelphia is justly celebrated for the number and character of its eleemosynary institutions, but among them all, that for the instruction of the blind, holds, and long has held, a place second to none.

DEATH OF A COLORED AMERICAN STUDENT IN EDINBURGH.

The *Edinburgh Mercury*, of Edinburgh, Dec. 22, 1860, notices the untimely death of Mr. J. Ewing Glasgow, whose bereaved parents are active members of the Lombard Street Central Church, in this city.

PRAYER FOR COLLEGES.

The Annual Concert of Prayer, recommended by the General Assembly, for colleges, theological seminaries, and other institutions of learning, will be held on Thursday, the 28th inst., in Calvary Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Jenkins,) at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and in the Clinton Street Presbyterian Church (Rev. Dr. Darling,) at 4 o'clock, P. M.

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RAILROAD LITERATURE.

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The objects of it are to obtain, as far as possible, the use of Railroad Trains and Stations, and other public conveyances; to provide a suitable secular, moral and religious literature for the same, which shall be neither sectarian nor sectarian, and superintending the work.

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last Sabbath week no less than 38 souls, the fruits of this mission, were added to Calvary Church. This is great encouragement to such as have God's vineyard, and especially to such as have the religious interests of the masses of our city at heart, and who have embarked largely, as the brethren of Calvary Church have, in the work of home evangelization.

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following gifts to be dispensed among the poor, viz. 130 bushels of coke, 8 bundles of second-hand clothing, and 75 cents from "several members of a family."

MISSION SCHOOLS.

The following paragraphs are from the advance sheets of a volume soon to be issued from the press. Its object is to develop the character and results of Mission Schools in the foreign field—the great and manifold blessing which has rested upon them, showing God's special favor upon them as choice and effective agencies in evangelizing the heathen.

The following table exhibiting more or less fully the religious condition of the students in 39 Colleges; the number of these students having foreign fields of labor in view. All of these colleges, save one, are reported as sustaining prayer meetings; five of them sustain daily prayer meetings; Williams College sustains two daily prayer meetings. Nearly all of them have Religious Societies in operation, principally of a missionary character.

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Book publishers are not inactive. We have this week, a goodly number of publications to notice, many of them of permanent value. Sheldon & Co. are still issuing the HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES, by CHARLES CALVERT, which has now reached the fifth out of the eight volumes in which it is to be comprised.

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History of Doctrines: The character of the work; as the product of profound scholarship, pervaded in the main with sound and elevated views, candid in its statements, condensed in style, and well-furnished with pertinent citations from a wide range of authorities, is well known.

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THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED NETHERLANDS: can scarcely fail to add new laurels to the fame of the author, Mr. Motley. In the two octavo now before us, issued by Messrs. Harper & Brothers, the great Spanish project for subjugating England, and reconquering the Netherlands, as matured, attempted, and defeated (1568-70), is fully exhibited by the mastery pen of the historian.

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