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ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

UNQUESTIONABLY the prevailing tone of the American mind towards England, now is animosity. Heretofore, whilst there has been a strong party with whom enmity to England was chronic and unreasoning, there has also been a strong party cherishing a warm friendship for the "old country."

But this state of feeling no longer exists. It is no longer the democratical heroism of Jefferson's "Anglophobia," who monopolizes enmity against Britain. Those who have been her warm friends are no longer. Those who have sympathized with her in her conflicts, and stood ready to aid her, in her future struggles, now set their teeth firmly and only tarry for an opportunity to give her blow for blow.

As Christian journalists, we desire to take a fair view of the subject, (a subject far too wide, it must be admitted, for our limits), and, if possible, to exert some good influence, and to contribute now to avert the clouds that loom black in the future. To point out the inconsistency, the wrong, the folly of England's present attitude and tone to this country, were an easy task—but for our readers, a needless one.

We should not forget—for it is our aim to be more than fair, to be generously charitable. We should not forget that, as a people, we are too much excited, justly and necessarily too much excited, to view dispassionately the bearing of our neighbors towards us.

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in America, and they cannot see why it should not be stopped by the United States allowing the Southern States "quietly to go off."

We have stated these causes of the unfriendly bearing of England towards the North, that so far as we condemn her, we may do it intelligently. That so far as truth will permit us we may excuse her posture, that as a people we are imbibed against her is not strange. We looked for sympathy and got "neutrality" tempered down to a frigid indifference.

As Christians we have a duty with regard to this deep sense of wrong and its attendant enmity. War is a fearful scourge. Needless war is a fearful crime. To cherish a revengeful feeling towards a nation is no less sinful than it is to be cherished against an individual.

Let us remember that we still have friends in England, that we shall have more when her good men more fully understand our struggle, and that retribution sheds neither light nor love.

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When even fierce theological combatants seek to express their piety and devotion in the fact is quite noteworthy, that they sometimes utter substantially the same views of truth. Toplady and Wesley belonged to this class.

"There is a fountain filled with blood," how arrogant would it be for any one denomination to claim it as their song, when truthfully expressing the emotions of every pious heart, and every possible shade of theological belief sung it!

Examining some time since, the excellent supplement of the "Church Psalmist" and observing two Hymns "so similar in sentiment, and so far from being especially marked, and for that reason to be especially noted, and to be placed in immediate connection, what was our surprise upon turning to the index to find that John Wesley wrote one, and Augustus Toplady another. The first was,

"My name from the pains of his hands, Eternity will not cease; My name from the pains of his hands, Eternity will not cease."

Behold! how "we bring many are one bread (one) and one body." Toplady and Wesley, quarrelling all their lives upon the question, whether a Christian can fall from grace? I singing the praise of God as harmoniously upon this very point, as if they were twin angels.

GOD UNLIKE MAN.

A very singular phenomenon is often observed by travellers, who in the early morning ascend the Brocken, the highest peak of the Harz mountains. Directly opposite to them, and apparently approaching them, as they near the summit is the colossal image of a man.

How often is precisely the same thing true of the highest divinity of man? How frequently is our conception of God but little more than an enlargement of human excellencies and defects.

God's changeable, jealous, passionate, unjust. Whose attributes are rage, revenge and lust. The Jupiter, and Venus, and Mars of the cultivated Greeks and Romans, were nothing more than the personifications of human power, love, and revenge.

of God, from what they know of themselves. Like the man on the summit of Brocken—unconsciously worshipping his own image on the cloud—it is themselves that men adore as God.

THE ASSEMBLY IN THE REVIEW.

The Herald and Recorder, of Cincinnati, noticing the July number of the Presbyterian Quarterly Review, says: "The third article is a review of the doings and spirit of 'The General Assembly of 1862.' It is, for the most part, a repetition of what everybody interested knows already.

For instance; where, out of the Review, can even ministers or intelligent laymen lay their hands upon the slavery discussion in Cleveland, in the Assembly of 1857? or, of the Home Missionary discussions of the past five years? But an Editor who has been bored with reading the proof of prissy speeches may be excused for forgetting all this, and loathing the sight of this 'light food.'

BOOKS IN THE ARMY.

The Boston Tract Society makes an earnest appeal for increased contributions for its Army work. They say: "While our citizens are sending, in abundance, comforts for the bodies of our soldiers, too little is received for the supply of their mental and spiritual wants."

"I have been among the new troops of Gen. Shields' Division to-day. They have some good Chaplains, but are wholly destitute of reading matter. No mails ever reach them from Washington, and they were in an inaccessible region until now."

"Where are the churches that have done nothing for this work this year? Let them now act. And let those who have given add to their gifts."

WISER THAN MOSES.

I have recently received from the Presbyterian House, at Philadelphia, a book for the 'Little Ones,' on which the Fourth Commandment is so amended as to omit 'man-servant and maid-servant.'

LITURGY OR NO LITURGY.

The introduction of what is called a 'Provisional Liturgy' into the German Reformed Churches, has awakened much discussion among them.

same, so that the boys come and ask what day it is—as I heard Sabbath morning, 'What, is it Sabbath? I have been playing cards.' Government knows no Sabbath—cars, trains and men all busy as if God had not said, 'Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.'

"I don't know if your minister, for it is not; but I know I'm not, and my boys; and they both said they would join the Lutheran church before they would go through all that 'Piscopal stuff.'"

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

LETTER FROM THE MISSIONARY HOUSE. MISSIONARY HOUSE, BOSTON, Aug. 2, 1862.

Four weeks ago, it was announced that the receipts of the A. B. C. F. M. for May and June, 1862, had fallen \$17,000 below those of the corresponding months in 1861.

Very truly yours, S. B. TRENT, Home Secretary.

EPISCOPAL HOSPITAL.

The Episcopal Hospital of Philadelphia, erected by private subscription, is a noble evidence of liberality and energy. It is now about to go into full operation.

A POPULAR ANNAAL.

A POPULAR ANNAAL has been compiled by Dr. De Sanctis, and published by the Geneva Italian Committee, called 'Amico De Cass,' designed to combat all Romish superstitions, and to disseminate the true doctrine of the gospel, as well as a few good lessons in domestic economy.

or stay at home and read the Bible. But, De-wald, now you're an old man, tell me, had our preschers a provision liturgy when you was a little boy?

Dewald.—No, Fritz, not to least bit. They could bray nitout a book, and better as de book 'em. Anyways I like de brayers what comes out of de heart better as dem what comes out of de books.

Dewald.—Why, sartiently, dey was good men; but dey all brayed our ordere hars; forms-books, what odder peoples made, was n't in de Bible, and de brachers had n't found out dis now way of braying.

Dewald.—O, Fritz, how can you ax such things? Don't you no; deo was no briden and brayer books in dem days; and de old deldshament and de new, and Christ and de bootles never said nit about no liturgies. It's all wheat and cockles what's grown in de west and will spile de west.

Dewald.—I told you already, dey is all wheat and cockles what was sowed by de enemy, and must be pulled up by de rate or will ruin de west.

As the liturgical question now agitating the German Reformed Church, is also again introduced into our own, we thought the views of those two simple-minded, and yet common-sense men, however homely their language, would not be unwelcome to many of our readers.

MADAGASCAR.

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The centre building is five stories high, counting the attic. The basement is nearly finished, and is used for kitchen, store-rooms of different kinds, laboratory, digging room for servants, scullery, wash and slop closet, bakery, etc., etc.

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By the assistance of the Religious Tract Society of London, this Committee is enabled to carry on its good work on a very extensive scale. Thousands of tracts by De Sanctis, translations of 'L'Amico de Cass' history of the Reformation, and other good and acceptable books are rapidly disseminated among the people.

BRITISH RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Table listing various religious societies and their financial contributions for 1861-2. Includes items like 'Evangelical Christendom', 'British and Foreign Bible Society', 'Methodist Missions', etc.

The incomes of the Bible and Tract Societies as given above do not include the receipts from the sales of books, but only what was contributed for gratuitous distribution.

THE CLOSER WALK.

An intelligent layman, desiring to do good, has distributed a hundred copies of "THE CLOSER WALK" by the Rev. Dr. Darling. It is a judicious investment.

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Our Church News.

THE REV. JOHN SAILOR has resigned the charge of the Congregational church in Michigan City, Indiana, on account of the failure of his health.

LITTLE MILL CREEK CHURCH.—Last Sabbath was one of special interest to the church of Little Mill Creek, Ohio. It was their privilege to dedicate to the services of Almighty God a new house of worship, which they have just completed.

AMATEUR COLLEGE IN THE ARMY.—The following is a correct list of those who have gone into the army from college:

Brigadier-general, 1; colonels, 2; lieutenant-colonel, 1; majors, 3; captains, 11; assistant adjutant-general, 1; first lieutenants, 16; adjutants, 2; second lieutenants, 9; brigade surgeon, 1; surgeons, 4; chaplains, 9; hospital steward, 1; sergeants, 7; privates, 6; rank not ascertained, 7; total, 80.

Rev. E. Starr, Jr.—The following resolutions not previously having fallen under our notice, we insert with a prefatory word. Mr. Starr, recently of Auburn, a notice of whose installation as Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Penn Yan, New York, a few weeks since, appeared in our columns, for several years past has held the double position of Financial Agent of the Theological Seminary of Auburn, New York, and Secretary of the Western Education Society, two distinct incorporated institutions.

Desiring again to engage in ministerial labors, Mr. Starr resigned the Secretaryship of the Western Education Society, which Secretaryship is now filled, with satisfaction, by the pastors of that region, by Rev. S. S. Goss, late pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Meriden, New York. Mr. Starr yielded to the remonstrances of the Professors and Trustees against his resigning his connection with the Theological Seminary. So that, in his new relations, he retains the management of the external interests of that institution, now so flourishing, and in the past so noble and useful, and so well beloved by her churches.

Action of the Directors of the Education Society.—The Rev. Frederick Starr, Jr., having resigned his office as Secretary of the Western Education Society, the Board of Directors in accepting his resignation, adopt the following resolutions: Resolved 1. That we highly appreciate the faithful and effective services of Mr. Starr, in the cause of ministerial education during the last six years.

Resolved 2. That we deeply regret that Mr. Starr's conviction of duty compels him to retire from the service. But while we reluctantly accept his resignation of the trust, we assure him of our high esteem and undiminished confidence, and ask for him great comfort and usefulness in the important field of labor which he is about to enter as a Christian Pastor.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. CONDIT, Committee.

Auburn, April 1st, 1862. Unanimously adopted at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

New Publications.

PARSON BROWNLOW'S BOOK.—Sketches of the Rise, Progress, and Decline of Secession—with a narrative of personal adventures among the rebels.—By G. W. Brownlow, Editor of the Knoxville Whig. Philadelphia: George W. Childs.

To notice this book is almost superfluous. Its author has already made it known too widely to leave room for further advertisement. It is like the many—patriotic, brave, outspoken, distinct, unmistakably distinct, with a feeling, grace or reverence, but a manifest determination to say what he means. Mr. Brownlow has suffered for his adherence to the Union; he maintained his integrity when many others, from whom we hoped better things, bent before the storm.

THE TYPOGRAPHIC ADVERTISER, from I. Johnson & Co., of this city, for July, is an exquisite specimen of art and yet yet characteristic of the work of that firm. As usual it also exemplifies the wit of the senior partner, our friend, Mr. Thomas MacKellar. It does an editor's eyes good to look over such a sheet.

Rev. Wm. S. Higgins, from our Presbyterian Publication Committee, we have received a very tasteful memorial volume to the late Rev. Wm. S. Higgins, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. With a discourse narrating the events of his life, and delineating his character, on those sermons, preached at the close of his career, in young men. A very fine and true steel plate likeness of Mr. Higgins accompanies the volume.

Having read this book, we can commend it not only to the friends of this lamented pastor, either removed from his work, but also as a good book to give to young men. The last sermon—"On the dangers from evil companions" is capital. Would that our youth might ponder its wise and kind words.