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PRESBYTERIAN UNION IN GREAT BRITAIN.

The current of opinion among the Presbyterians of Great Britain and the colonies is not fixed towards union, but is taking a sweep of unexpected breadth and power. Attention has for some years been directed to the relations between the English Presbyterian Church and the numerous Presbyteries of the United Presbyterian Church—a Scotch organization—in England. There is so little reason for the distinct existence of those two branches of the Church in England, that much disappointment was felt at the failure of the representative bodies to take definite measures for union last year. The indications of a disposition to unite have been growing clearer and more decided in both bodies almost every day. And the Calvinistic bodies called Methodists, among the Welsh, are expected to form a third party in the united body which will doubtless be realized at no distant day.

But within a few weeks new and most important developments have taken place, showing that the leaven of union is working in far wider circles, and is promising to achieve results of the greatest consequence to the cause of Christ, and particularly to the Presbyterian branch of his kingdom. Not only in England where Presbyterianism exists almost wholly as the church of Scotch immigrants, but in Scotland itself, the centre and home of the church, the union movement is making rapid progress and seems about to swallow up and obliterate every landmark of division but such as pertain to the vital of the Presbyterian system. Says the Weekly Review of April 18th:

"The great cause of Presbyterian union makes progress. Every post from the North, and we might almost add from the South, East, and West,—brings tidings of its advance. Our readers know how actively it has been promoted by the people of Glasgow, and we this day chronicle a union meeting in Liverpool of a kind similar to those which have been held steadily in Scotland's commercial capital. But what is chiefly interesting to the Presbyterian and to the Christian world at this moment is the fact that the question of union will come up for ample and, we trust, conclusive discussion in the chief representative bodies of the Free Church and United Presbyterian Churches, the General Assembly of the one and the Synod of the other, at their meetings next May. Various Presbyteries of the Free Church have ordered the Assembly on the subject, and the Rev. Dr. Cairns, of Berwick, and the Rev. Messrs. Inglis and Daniel Kerr have been appointed by the United Presbytery of Berwick to bring it before the United Presbyterian Synod. The form in which the structure of the United Presbytery of Berwick is drawn up strikes us as admirable, and we think we can recognize in it the mind of the eminent man who has been appointed to support it before the Synod. It proposes union between the United Presbyterian Church, the Free Church, the English Presbyterians, the Original Presbyterian Church, and the Reformed Presbyterian Church. In one word, it embraces in its noble and comprehensive sweep every non-established branch of the Presbyterian Church in Great Britain."

As Christian men and as Presbyterians we do most cordially greet these indications of a movement so noble and so catholic in its spirit, and so beneficent in its tendencies. We respond heartily to the declaration of the Review: "The union of the broken and scattered Church of our Presbyterian fathers ought to be heralded by anthems of great joy, like those heard when God brought again Zion." Nor can there be a question of the entire truth of another remark of the Review that this movement "must, if crowned with success, have consequences which will be felt to the end of the earth, and which must profoundly affect the whole church of Christ." It will weigh here, where the fragmentary condition of the Presbyterian Church is felt by multitudes within and without its borders, to be a humiliation and a stumbling block, for which some adequate remedy must and can be found. It will wonderfully strengthen the hands of those who have labored and prayed for this result. It will soften the needless prejudices of those smaller Presbyterian bodies, chiefly composed of Scotch and Scotch-Irish immigrants—people who only need a more catholic spirit mingled with their sturdy orthodoxy to put them among the very choicest Christian people of the land. The example of the mother country in this respect, must have decisive weight with them.

Three years ago, we ventured the assertion that the divisive tendencies among Presbyterians

all over the world had passed their maximum, and that the tide was setting in the opposite direction. The assertion might have been regarded as problematical then; events have been rapidly crowding into the history of the Presbyterian churches since that date, justifying it in the fullest manner. Our branch of the church has ever been abreast of the advancing catholicity of the denomination. We are for union, most heartily, now. Toleration of difference on non-essential points is the only practicable basis of union. We have always been on that basis. On that, we are ready for, and would rejoice to witness a union of the whole body of loyal Presbyterians to-morrow. It will come to pass. "And fearful," says the Review, speaking words of the movement there, "fearful will be the possibility, heinous the sin, of any man who permits sectarian jealousy, or individual crochets, or un-Christian narrowness, to betray him into any word or deed which might retard this union."

THE ANTIQUITY OF THE HUMAN RACE.

In our last week's issue, we stated the position recently taken by many geologists in regard to the high antiquity of certain human remains found in strata of the earth's crust, more ancient than the one we are at present occupying. We also commenced to state the grounds on which the believer in the inspired origin of the Mosaic record might meet these novel and startling assumptions, so contrary to the received opinions of the meaning of that record and of the age of the human family. Either the pretended age of one hundred thousand years required by these savans for the existence of man on our planet is a gross error, or we are entirely at fault in our interpretation of the chronology of the Pentateuch.

Having first considered whether the geologists themselves might not be in error, both as to the recent discoveries and as to the general principles of their adolescent science, we now venture to offer three other alternatives which may present themselves, in lieu of the geologist's conclusion, that the human race is one hundred thousand years old.

1. But grant that that is demanded by these discoverers; grant that human remains, so called, have really been found in the earlier stratifications of the earth's surface; that a race or races with a bony structure similar to our own, lived on our planet ages before it was geologically prepared for Adam and his descendants; the inquiry may be started: Did they possess the main quality of the present race? Were they moral beings? It is a matter of profound indifference to the believer in the inspiration of Moses and the modern origin of our race, as now constituted, how man or how ancient races resembling us in physical character alone, existed on the earth before our own. You may find remains of "man" in the deepest strata of the Silurian system, and you may people all the exaggerated cycles of the planet's geological history with the race, if it be granted that the true man,—the being capable of moral feeling, of receiving a revelation, and of knowing, loving and enjoying God, came into existence at the commencement of the present geological era. The others will affect us no more than the discovery of new species of fossil saurians or monkeys, in places and eras to which they were not before supposed to belong.

2. Granting once more that the age of the Adamite race itself is proven by these discoveries to be greater than the accepted chronology of the Hebrew Scriptures would allow, some modification of that chronology may be necessary and may be accepted by believers in the inspiration of the Scriptures. We are now guided by the chronology, as nearly as it can be ascertained, of the Hebrew text, which gives a little over 4000 years as the age of the world before Christ. The Septuagint or Greek version of the Old Testament, varies greatly from this chronology, making the world nearly 1500 years older than from the Hebrew text it would seem to be. The accepted chronology of our English Bible it occurred nearly nine hundred years later: B. C. 2348. The question of Bible chronology appears to be by no means settled, and it would be unjust to the last degree to hold the inspired writers responsible on this score, until we had ascertained what idea of time they really designed to convey. The modification in our view of the subject, will by no means necessarily raise a question as to the perfect truthfulness and accuracy of the sacred record. Such modification, science has frequently required of the believer. The adoption of the Copernican system, of astronomy, and the geological conclusion, now so generally received in regard to the great age of the Pre-Adamite earth, constrained us to see many things in Scripture in a new light; they have changed our views of the meaning of certain phrases and statements, but they have not stamped them as erroneous. In like manner, the new claims advanced in regard to the age of the race will compel a closer inspection of our views of Bible chronology, and may require new interpretations, and new hypotheses, as to the intention of the sacred writer on points of chronology. And we may reach conclusions, as we have done already, quite at variance with our present views of the subject, yet without throwing a shade upon, but rather giving new light to the meaning of Scripture on the points in question. That we shall covet the sacred writer of any errors we will not for a moment allow.

3. There remains an alternative which we think holds good after all others have been found unsatisfactory. Grant that the positions now assumed by geologists as to the age of our race are sound; or at least that with our present knowledge they cannot be set aside. Grant that to admit their truth introduces irreconcilable contradictions between Science and the Mosaic record; does it follow that we must give up one or the other? Must we, as believers, denounce geology, and discourage investigations in that and kindred fields of science, and warn our people against the dangerous tendency of such studies? We think not. Such a course is not only wrong, but it will be found unavailing. The church should not undertake, to hinder or to direct the progress of science. We agree with a writer in the Princeton Review for January who says: "The part of wisdom for us is to yield

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a free rein and an open course to the career of science and not attempt to force the authority of the Scriptures upon it in a way which does violence to their whole genius and purport." Let scientific men pursue their labors with the assurance that they keep true to those well-ascertained principles of inquiry which hold in every department of research. Let us remember that their peculiar field of inquiry is from the same divine source; that nature and revelation are two books written in different characters by the same infallible Author; that though in consequence of their obscurity and our imperfect faculties, apparent discrepancies in their progressive interpretation arise, they must harmonize in their true meaning, and discrepancies will disappear when both are fully understood. We are not to discard science any more than revelation. We are not to renounce a single well-ascertained principle of revelation—such as the Inspiration of the Sacred Record—at the demand of the most specious discovery of science. Our last alternative is to wait. Maintaining our hold of the Scriptures, we look calmly at the seemingly adverse conclusions of science which we cannot deny without doing violence to reason, and say: "There is a mistake somewhere, truly, either in your reading of the facts of science, or in your interpretation of the meaning of Scripture. I do not see where the mistake lies. I am content to hold the seemingly contrary facts as an unsolved difficulty. As many theologians accept the free will of man and the sovereignty of God without any longer attempting either to reconcile them or to sacrifice the one to the other, so I may admit the extreme antiquity of the race, while I retain my belief in the plenary inspiration of the Pentateuch which seems to teach the contrary. I will allow both conclusions to stand side by side in my mind inconsistent though they may be; confident that the whole difficulty is somehow capable of solution and that the solution, when it comes, will prove honorable to true science and to Scripture alike."

THE FEMALE MEDICAL COLLEGE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

We have looked somewhat carefully over the Valedictory address of Professor Emeline H. Cleveland to the last graduating class of this Institution. It is published by the special request of the corporators; among whom are such names as M. W. Baldwin, Thomas Brainerd, D.D., F. J. Dreer, Wm. S. Pierce, and others of equal standing. Professor Cleveland, in her address, speaks of the steady progress made in recognizing the standing and services of female physicians. The Philadelphia County Medical Society had, indeed, adopted stringent resolutions against the whole class, and against those who consulted with them, or favored their enterprise. But she is happy to chronicle the fact that not only members of this Society consult with women and their instructors, "but those of them belonging to the professional aristocracy of our profession—ally proud city, may request such consultations." She hears "most flattering accounts of the reception given in London to an American lady now prosecuting her studies in that city." Drs. Carpenter and Druitt formally recognize her degree, and she is admitted freely to visit in some of the best London hospitals. During the last year, a young English woman of intelligence, wealth and position was admitted as a medical student to the University School of St. Andrews, Edinburgh; but the Senatus, after taking legal advice, refused to allow her to proceed with her studies. In other parts of the old world little progress is making.

THE LATE MOVEMENTS IN OUR ARMY.

As our last number was going to press the news from the army of the Potomac, then across the Rappahannock, was regarded as most favorable to victory. Terrific battles had been fought: the heights of Fredericksburg had been carried triumphantly by one part of the army, while the main portion, under Gen. Hooker, lying near the ford and about Chancellorsville, had, with some disaster arising from a panic in the eleventh corps, for the most part maintained its ground against the enemy. Gen. Stoneman, with his 15,000 cavalry, was also believed, as has since turned out to be the fact, to have severed the Railroad connections between Richmond and Fredericksburg and thus prevented reinforcements from coming north.

Of course the surprise and disappointment of the loyal people was great on learning that Hooker had withdrawn from his position and recrossed the river; that Sedgwick had been compelled to give up the heights he captured and make a hasty retreat, and that the movement was on the whole, a failure. True, it is believed that the enemy's loss was double our own; it was speedily known that our army was still in good condition, less than one third of Gen. Hooker's entire force having been engaged; and finally the exploits of Gen. Stoneman were of such an astonishing and brilliant character, reaching to the very gates of Richmond, destroying the rebel communications and spreading dismay in every direction among the traitors, that we were constrained to forget the failure of the main part of the movement in the entire and glorious triumph of this subordinate demonstration. A portion of this command traversed the old battle ground of the Chickahominy, penetrated the intrenchments around Richmond—where they captured a rebel officer—destroyed bridges and railroads extensively in that vicinity and came into our lines at Gloucester opposite Yorktown.

The causes of the failure of this great and promising movement, were threefold: First, Gen. Sedgwick's repulse from the heights of Fredericksburg; second, Gen. Hooker's partial defeat before Chancellorsville; and, third, want of information in regard to Stoneman's movements and even suspicion of his fidelity. We believe these three considerations presenting themselves together to Gen. Hooker's mind, on Monday night, decided him to withdraw. Had the facts been different in a single one of these particulars, we believe the General would have remained.

Sedgwick's failure, after achieving a most brilliant success, seems to have been caused by the unexpectedly great number of the rebels who were thrown upon his men on Monday. Whether these were detached from Lee's army, which was not molested by Hooker on that day, or whether, as other accounts say, they were the rebel reinforcements under Longstreet and others, sent up from Richmond and the south of the James, before Stoneman succeeded in destroying the communications, we cannot tell. They were at any rate, far too numerous for our small force to check, even behind entrenchments, and Sedgwick was compelled to withdraw.

Gen. Hooker's inaction on Monday must have resulted, in part, from the losses and derangement of his plans during the battles of the two preceding days. Without suffering defeat as a whole, one corps of the army, the eleventh, gave way and fled in a panic at the first serious onset, and without firing a gun. This was on Saturday evening; and the result was that our entire army was compelled to fall back and assume a much less available position. During Sabbath the enemy endeavored in vain to overwhelm the army in its new positions. We yielded some ground during the fighting, but we suffered no defeat and the enemy's loss was terrific. Thus on Monday, Gen. Hooker felt it necessary to remain within his entrenched lines waiting an attack; and the enemy perhaps seized the opportunity to fall in great force upon Sedgwick and compel him to abandon his positions near Fredericksburg with great loss.

There was another reason, doubtless, which

constrained Gen. Hooker to the inactivity of Monday, and which entered into the grounds of his subsequent decision to withdraw to the north side. Gen. Stoneman had not been heard from. Fears and suspicions, even, arose as to fidelity of this officer and Gen. Averill, who was entrusted with a similar errand. Gen. Hooker was so far influenced by these fears, that he actually wrote, and dispatched to the war-office, an order relieving these officers of their command. If the work assigned to them was not done as he believed it was not, and the rebel army in our front was in free communication with all parts of the South, Gen. Hooker was contending with an enemy already powerful and capable of indefinite reinforcement. Hence being somewhat crippled in battle himself, he lay still on Monday, while Sedgwick and the cavalry expeditions having as he thought proved failures, he felt the part of prudence to withdraw. He did so most successfully and without loss on Tuesday night May 5, and the army he commands is even now described as prepared for new movements upon an enemy which has suffered far more, and which is badly crippled in all its lines of communication and routes of supply.

The people therefore have speedily settled down from their high and painful excitement of last Thursday, into a simple sense of the necessity of further delay. Many brave men have indeed fallen, but if their fall was the means of crippling and damaging the enemy to a far greater extent, it was not a vain sacrifice; as, indeed, no lives are vainly lost in a good cause. The people, we are glad to believe, do not require encouragement at our hands. They feel that they have not been trifled with in the exceedingly manifold, courageous, and skillful methods of the commanding general. As an instrument in the hands of God for our final success, they trust him yet.

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, N. L.

We are happy to learn that the congregation and friends of the Central Presbyterian Church, N. L., have succeeded in entirely removing the debt (\$7500) from their church edifice. This church is under the pastoral charge of the Rev. James Y. Mitchell, and we are able to state from authority, that it pays fair to take

its former position among the sister churches of our denomination, as an active working people. In fact the promptness which characterized all classes, in the movement toward the liquidation of the debt, is a proof of this statement. The creditors manifested their interest in the matter, with a magnanimous abatement of their claims; and the people connected with the church, encouraged by this practical sympathy, were soon able (with the assistance of their friends in other churches), to satisfy those claims.

Not only is the temporal condition of this church a source of congratulation, but since their present pastor has been with them, there appears to be a livelier interest manifested in reference to the spiritual condition. The congregation has been gradually increasing, and there have been several additions to their membership.

We congratulate the pastor and his charge on the happy condition of their church, and pray that their present relations may be long continued.

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"Within the bounds of our Presbytery there is a great want of Sabbath School books. Most of the men are away in the army, and there is no money to purchase. The brethren of the Presbytery have requested me to gather up second hand books in good condition, during my attendance at the Assembly. To secure this object I have written to several of my acquaintances to send to your care what books of this class they might have. And I send you this, requesting your influence in the Sabbath Schools of your acquaintance in the city for the same object. Perhaps you can procure for us several hundred volumes of second hand books for our schools. They will be very acceptable; got these in good condition; books of a larger size than those in the ten dollar Libraries would be preferred. Keep them till I come to the Assembly."

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FROM OUR ROCHESTER CORRESPONDENT.

ROCHESTER May 8th, 1863.

DEAR EDITOR:—It would be very easy to give you another long letter—indeed, many of them—about the great and precious revival of religion still in progress in this place. It would be interesting to gather up many more of the touching incidents daily brought to light in these meetings. It would have touched your heart, as it touched many others even to tears, a few mornings since, to see a gifted and highly educated young man, who is blind in the natural eye, stand, and with trembling lip, ask Christians to pray for him that the eyes of his understanding might be opened. He cannot see the light of the sun in the heavens; but Christians did pray that he might see the Sun of righteousness in his glory. What adds deep interest to the case is the fact that he lost his eyesight prosecuting some experiments in chemistry, a study for which he had a special affection. He was led to the meeting by the hand of a sister. He is often seen in our streets, always with some one to lead him. Fervently Christians prayed that Christ, the good Shepherd, would come down and lead him into green pastures, and beside the still waters. It is understood that the young man is now indulging hope; and while all is dark around him, a great light from heaven shines within.

You would have been deeply interested also in the remarks of a recent saloon keeper and liquor seller. He has given up that abominable business, and he and his wife, both people of God, are now walking with the recent converts. But I must not particularize further at this time. Mr. Hammond left us as described in my last letter, and passed a few days, resting and preaching, at Niagara Falls. There also God is pouring out his Spirit, and some conversions have occurred. The same is true of the village of Lewistown, near by. Mr. Hammond returned to this city again on Saturday last, and passed four days more with us, preaching and attending meetings as usual daily. Crowds still waited on his ministry, and new cases of conversion were every day occurring. Yesterday he again took his leave of us and went to Auburn, where he is expected to labor for a short time.

As to the number converted in this city, thus far, in this revival, I hardly dare give you the estimate which some of our friends have made, as it seems almost incredible. And yet we read of a time when three thousand in a single day were added to the Lord. Shall we never expect like things again? Christ said, "He that believeth in me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." Is this promise a dead letter? If not, why should we be astonished when a thousand souls, in a population of fifty thousand, are brought to Christ in a few weeks? It is thought that in Utica, with half the population of Rochester, there have been five hundred conversions; and there, as here, the work is still going forward.

A DAY IN AUBURN.

Yesterday was the Anniversary of the Theological Seminary in this, the smallest of our Western New York cities. For three days previously the students had been passing through the annual examination. The graduating class numbered twenty-one; and although it was not our privilege to be present at their examination, we learned from others more competent to judge, who were present, that the students appeared well; as a class, "remarkably well." We believe it will be gratifying to many of our readers, and therefore we insert their names and residences:

- W. R. Beuhm, Auburn, N. Y.; J. S. Bingham, Onondaga, N. Y.; F. A. Chase, King's Ferry, N. Y.; C. A. Conant, Temple, Me.; W. C. Curtis, Norwalk, Ct.; W. C. Galpin, Candor, N. Y.; Frank Gilbert, Middle Granville, N. Y.; H. R. Hoisington, Warren, Ohio; S. M. Keeler, Ridgefield, Ct.; J. R. Lewis, Deerfield, N. Y.; W. W. Macomber, Westfield, N. Y.; Samuel Miller, Clinton, N. Y.; W. J. Nutting, Ann Arbor, Mich.; D. H. Palmer, Victor, N. Y.; W. W. Palmer, Binghamton, N. Y.; G. O. Phelps, Newport, N. Y.; S. W. Pratt, 2d, Livonia, N. Y.; A. C. Reed, Albany, N. Y.; C. J. Slack, Mexico, N. Y.; J. E. Werth, St. Louis, Mo.; S. D. Westfall, Lyons, N. Y.

These all received their diplomas, as having completed the prescribed course of theological study with credit to themselves and to the institution from which they go. The farewell address, able and interesting, was handsomely delivered by Rev. Prof. Huntington, one of the faculty. It bore beautiful and apparently sincere testimony to the solid worth and high promise of these young men. And we were happy to learn incidentally that all, or nearly all, have already been engaged for one field and another of Christian labor. One, Mr. A. C. Reed has a call to settle over an interesting church at Eldridge, but a few miles from Auburn. Another, J. E. Werth, has already received ordination to act as chaplain of the Seventy-fifth Regt. N. Y. Vols. in the army of freedom. It was mentioned in the address of Prof. Huntington that three classes now respectively, in three successive years, have each furnished a chaplain to our army. Two others of these young men, W. W. Macomber, and D. H. Palmer, are under appointment of the Home Missionary Committee of the Presbyterian Church, to go as missionaries to the far off Territory of Nevada. These are to receive ordination very soon by the Presbytery of Buffalo, in a special meeting called for that purpose.

Others go in other directions; but we did not learn that one of the number was going to the heathen. We almost fear that there is some lack of the Missionary spirit in this most excellent institution. We have heard some of its truest friends and patrons express in a slight degree the same fear. Perhaps the fact that the institution was founded to meet a special want of this region—to raise up here on the ground ministers to supply these which were then the churches of the West—may account for this. But we feel sure that if there were in this Seminary a Society of Inquiry for Missions—which, we are told, there is not—and if such a society should have occasional addresses from the right persons on the great themes of Missions, and its anniversary exercise in connection with this Commencement Week; and if, by such means, with the divine blessing, a deep thorough interest in missions should also pervade the institution, it would be no draw back to all its other interests, or clog to its prosperity. We hope that ere long a good move will be made in this direction.

SEVEN OF THE GRADUATES DELIVERED ADDRESSES.

Seven of the graduates delivered addresses. The work is great—the hour is wide—One parting glance to friends and home, Then forth, with Providence to guide. Go at Christ's bidding—in His name, Go lead the sick—restore the blind—Call back the dead, while ye proclaim His great Evangel to mankind. Speak out the truth—that potent spell, Shall light the dark, and right the wrong; Not all the bands of that sacred sign Can weave a talisman so strong. As o'er the severed tribes of old The Prophets walked their warning strain, With thoughts as free, in words as bold, Call us to righteousness again: Speak to the North—the South—the West—And plucking that which will not grow, Pluck for the poor—the deaf and the oppressed, Though towards shrink and traitors sneer. Trained soldiers in the camp of God, With trenchant sword and ready shield, Uplift where'er ye march abroad The bright Liberator in the field. By this ye conquer; fix your eyes Unwavering on that sacred sign Which gleaming from the western skies Spoke victory to Constantine.

The large church in which this concluding service was held was crowded with an intelligent, and deeply interested audience. The speaking was good, some of it very good, and gave promise of future eminence and usefulness. We give the names and themes of the speakers:

Abuse of Reason in Theology, Wm. R. Beuhm; Milton's Satan, Frank Gilbert; Isaiah in his Times, H. R. Hoisington; Theology in the Pulpit, J. R. Lewis; The Peril of the Church, W. W. Macomber; Difference between Civil and Moral Law, Samuel Miller; Mission of Suffering, D. H. Palmer.

As the concluding portion of his farewell address, Prof. Huntington repeated in a most impressive manner the following stirring and beautiful hymn, which was also sung by the choir. It was written by Rev. Prof. Hopkins, of the Seminary, by request of the class; and with this we conclude our letter.

Forth to your tasks, the hour has come—The work is great—the hour is wide—One parting glance to friends and home, Then forth, with Providence to guide. Go at Christ's bidding—in His name, Go lead the sick—restore the blind—Call back the dead, while ye proclaim His great Evangel to mankind.

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