

Editorial Items.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

The proceedings of a meeting of the new National Association, organized to promote such an amendment of the preamble of our national constitution as will secure a national recognition of God and the Christian religion will be found in another column.

Judge Strong was followed by Rev. Dr. Goddard, who spoke ably and evangelically on the general subject. On the second day the chair was occupied by Dr. Edwards.

THE ENGLISH MURDER CASE.

It will be seen, on our secular news page, that the murderer Muller was executed according to sentence, on the 14th ult. We were all along surprised at the amount of sympathy gotten up for him in the face of testimony, which, as circumstantial evidence, was of the strongest conceivable character.

TO STATED CLERKS.

BROTHERS: The Executive Committee of the Ministerial Relief Fund wish to learn how far their recent address to the Synods and Presbyteries was responded to, and would therefore respectfully inquire of you.

The Stated Clerk will oblige by sending immediate answers to the above. Address, Rev. Charles Brown, Secretary, 1384 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION.

A mass Convention of this body held a session of great interest on Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 29th and 30th, in the West Arch Presbyterian Church.

Under the form of Resolutions, the Association presented and urged upon the attention of the people of the land, the following considerations in support of their single object, viz.: memorializing Congress in behalf of an Amendment to the Constitution embodying a national recognition of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Holy Scriptures.

RESOLUTIONS.

- 1. That a national recognition of God, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Scriptures as proposed in the memorial of this Association to Congress, is clearly a scriptural duty which it is national peril to disregard.

In view of the great and encouraging progress which this cause has made during the past six months, and in view of the great importance of speedy action in the matter, the Association urgently request citizens in every section of the country at once, individually or by organizations, to engage in securing the circulation and signature of the memorial.

The entire press of the country, secular and religious, is earnestly requested to publish the proceedings and also the Form of memorial herewith appended.

FORM OF MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS. PREPARED BY THE ASSOCIATION: To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

We, citizens of the United States, respectfully ask your honorable bodies to adopt measures for amending the Constitution of the United States, so as to read in substance as follows: We, the people of the United States, humbly acknowledging Almighty God as the source of all authority and power in civil government, the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Ruler among the nations, and His revealed will as of supreme authority, in order to constitute a Christian government, and in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare, and secure the inalienable rights and blessings of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to ourselves, our posterity, and all the inhabitants of the land—Do ordain and establish this constitution for the United States of America.

And we further ask that such changes be introduced into the body of the Constitution, as may be necessary, to give effect to these amendments in the preamble.

DEDICATION AT WARREN, ILL.

The House of Worship of the First Presbyterian church of Warren, was dedicated to the service of God on Thursday Nov. 3. The exercises were as follows: Invocation and reading of Scriptures by Rev. A. Kent; Sermon by Rev. A. K. Strong; Dedicatory prayer by the Pastor Rev. Eugene H. Avery; Benediction by Rev. J. W. Cunningham.

CITY RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

MISSIONARY BOXES.—We notice with great pleasure—the more so as we have editorially interested ourselves in the matter—that the spirit of aiding our frontier Home Missionaries, by missionary boxes, is awakening in our city churches.

COMPENSATION DEMANDED.—We notice in The Presbyterian that Rev. Dr. Blackwood, pastor of the Ninth Presbyterian church, O. S. in this city, has been called to the Knox Presbyterian church, Hamilton, C. W. This is the church from which Rev. Dr. Irvine, the new and popular pastor of the Westminster church in this city, was called away.

TO BE INSTALLED.—The Philadelphia Central Presbytery (O. S.) has appointed next Sabbath evening for the installation of Rev. Alexander Reed, in the church, corner of Eighth and Cherry streets. Dr. Shields is to preach the sermon, Dr. Musgrave to charge the pastor, and Dr. Henry the people.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

- From the Presbyterian Publication Committee, 1334 Chestnut St. Sunset Thoughts, or Bible Narratives for the Evening of Life. 12mo. pp. 192. Large type.
- Boyd's Shorter Catechism, with analysis, Scripture Proofs explanatory and Practical Inferences, and Illustrative Anecdotes. 18mo. pp. 264.
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PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

- The Atlantic Monthly for December. Ticknor & Fields.
- London Quarterly Review for October. L. Scott & Co., New York; W. B. Zieber, Philadelphia.
- Littell's Living Age. No. 1069. Littell, Son & Co., Boston.
- Saxe's Clever Stories of Many Nations. Elegant Illustrated Edition. 12mo. pp. 192.
- Autumn Holidays. By the Country Parson. 16mo. pp. 352.

A FEW MORE FRIENDLY WORDS.

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The first number of a new weekly journal with the above title has just been issued in this city. It is published by the Baptist Publication Society, and edited by Drs. Hague, Wheaton Smith, Eddy and others of their ablest men.

REVIVAL.—Rev. A. T. Rankin, of Kingston, Ind., writes to the Christian Herald, that his church has experienced a revival effusion, that several have been added to its communion, and that this blessing has been enjoyed under the administration of the ordinary means of grace.

CORRESPONDENCE ON RECRUITING.

Prof. E. D. Saunders, D. D.:—DEAR SIR:—Knowing the deep interest you take in the success of our armies and the maintenance of that spirit of loyalty to the Government among our citizens so necessary to success, we take the liberty of addressing a few lines to you on the subject of recruiting.

Truly and respectfully Your obedient servants, MANY CITIZENS OF THE SEVENTH WARD. Confined by injuries received from a railway accident whilst prosecuting a plan to promote recruiting, the undersigned can only at present write his views on the great subject of the unexpected communication from "Many Citizens of the Seventh ward."

Recruiting has been progressing at the rate of more than fifty men a day, until the city has now a surplus of about (3,000) three thousand. At no time, with so little effort, have volunteers been obtained. Several causes have conspired to produce this result. A few will be named as incentives to action: First. The city has been favored with the untiring labors of unselfish patriots, among whom may be particularly named our constituted authorities, the Bounty Fund Commission, and, as inferior to none, the editors of all our journals, which, to any perceptible extent, reach the great masses of society.

Second. In a belief almost universal, and, doubtless, well founded, that the Government is rapidly gaining upon the rebellion, many nobly desire to take a part in the closing scenes of the war. Let every one encourage so patriotic an inspiration. Third. Owing to the fluctuation in prices, many of the manufacturing establishments have laid in but a scanty supply of raw materials, and the prospect of a hard winter, as a consequence, favors recruiting. Let the truth, that our soldiers are the best clothed and fed of any in the world, be kept constantly before the public.

Let meetings be called in the wards, sufficient to enable energetic committees to obtain the means necessary to offer, not a ward bounty, but a merited premium to every one who will look up a recruit. This requires on the part of committee-men the most self-denying labor. But let all who thus toil cheer their hearts with the reflection that it is done for the noblest of countries and the best of Governments; done for the present age and all coming time; done for the cause of humanity—the cause of God.

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