

THE RELIGIOUS PRESS.

The Christian Intelligencer, (Ref. Dutch), one of the most erudite and discriminating of our weekly cotemporaries, has a sound and virtuously indignant article upon the North American Review's persistent spite toward Dr. Gillett's great work, "The Life and Times of John Huss."

Unfortunately again, that notice was not only grossly unjust and incompetently written, but it left the Reviewer in the mortifying position of a minority of one.

Nothing remained but to assail the entire literary criticism of the country as incompetent or venal. This was done, not only with shameless impudence, but with a Jesuitical skill which assumed to ignore the very existence of such periodicals as the Bibliotheca Sacra, the New Englander, the Congregational Quarterly, the Evangelical Quarterly, and several of our ablest journals, all of which—in common with ourselves—differed toto celo from the critic of the North American.

The last attack is thus treated in the article before us:

But this, the third essay, is a more miserable failure, if possible, than those which preceded it. Any previous objection of inaccuracy is effectually set aside by the manifest fidelity with which, according to the showing of the reviewer, Gillett, has followed his authorities.

The charges in this assault upon the North American Review are substantially those—that large extracts have been made from Bonnehoe's "Reformers before the Reformation," sometimes bodily, sometimes with slight alteration, and sometimes to introduce additional matter; that other authors are referred to in many of these instances, and yet that Bonnehoe is referred to only once in the preface, and seven times in the course of the history.

The reviewer professes to give the evidence to sustain these charges. We have examined the evidence, and we must say, without going outside of the record, that he has convicted himself of gross injustice. He does not state clearly, as justice requires, the extracts from Bonnehoe which he has taken to sustain his charges.

As to the references, Gillett says in his preface, "Nearly all the statements contained in the work rest upon the authority of Roman Catholic authors, and whose names are given by writers of opposite sympathies, the marginal references are to those who would be least suspected of partiality to the cause and doctrines of Huss."

This is a fair and candid statement of an author's justifiable precaution against any attack upon the accuracy of his work. And yet, because the original authorities upon which Bonnehoe and Gillett both relied, are so given by the latter, that Roman Catholic prejudice might not call his statements in question, he is repeatedly charged—notwithstanding his distinct announcement of his plan—with plagiarism and deception.

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The intelligencer's article, from which we have not room to extract more largely, extends itself into a view of what properly constitutes the sin of plagiarism, brushing away some popular absurdities on the subject, by showing that if they are to be accepted, what would be the worthlessness of any great historical work which is not more or less indebted to what the Review calls plagiarism.

The Methodists of July 15th, opens with a notice of one of its recently deceased ministers of its church in the city of New York. Rev. J. B. Hagany, D. D., a brother who was not merely an ornament to his own church connection, but whose temper, spiritual and ecclesiastical, greatly endeared him to the church in general.

The literature of the period preceding the French Revolution was as familiar to him as a household word. It is a literature whose traits we all know—pure even to severity of expression, logical in the sequence of thought, measured in the degree of feeling conveyed, and free from the tumultuous enthusiasm of our era.

God gave him, besides a sweet-toned voice, a calm, rather than a fiery, temperament, a quick, tender sympathy, by which he was readily affected himself, and could readily affect others to tears. A memory both quick

and retentive, enabled him to command instantly all his resources. If the man of one book, as the proverb tells us, is formidable, he who has in thinking and learning, his own chosen walk, and resolutely keeps himself within the boundaries of that, may be well deemed more formidable still.

He was never contented unless his execution of his tasks, that you were certain that there was a reserve of power never called into action; you could not but believe that this man whom you saw casting "smooth stones out of the brook" could, if roused to the utmost of his energy, have plucked up great trees by the roots, and hurled them at the foe.

The more nearly you approached the inner life of Dr. Hagany, the more admirable it seemed. Like many other men of his character, he was shy and reserved in the communication of his thoughts upon subjects which deeply touched his feelings. He was self-distrustful, and in all things deeply conscientious. He believed religion to be a conscious life, maintained by constant communion with God; nor was he satisfied with less than the assurance of the favor of his heavenly Father.

News of the Week.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW JERSEY POLITICS.—The Union State Convention was held in Trenton, on the 20th inst. It was full and enthusiastic. Gen. Judson Kilpatrick, of Sussex county, was the presiding officer.

HAYTI.—Advices from Port-au-Prince are to June 20. Political affairs in the North were still unsettled. The rebels continue to hold Cape Haytien, and the Government forces were making slow work in reducing that town.

CARE FOR THE REMAINS OF OUR MURDERED DEAD.—The steamer Virginia arrived at Savannah on the 12th inst., with fencing materials head-boards, and other lumber to be used in enclosing the prison at Andersonville.

NORTH CAROLINA.—The news from North Carolina this morning is very encouraging. The majority of the planters are pursuing a humane and judicious course towards their late slaves.

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WHAT SHE DIED OF.—A New York paper has the following account of an agonizing precise finding of a coroner's jury: "Coroner Collins held an inquest yesterday at the New York Hospital, over the body of Mrs. Frances Miller, a young German woman whose throat was cut, in May last, by her husband. The jury found that she died of acute peritonitis, dependent upon a perforating ulcer of the ilium intestina."

THE PRIVATE SHENANDOAH HEARD FROM.—A schooner has arrived at San Francisco, from the Micronesian Island, which reports that on the 30th of March, whilst in latitude 40° north, longitude 18° west, she was boarded by the pirate Shenandoah, and her papers examined.

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leaders. A Government general, named Morisset, has been assassinated by an insurgent leader.

LATER.—Monday morning brought advices from Liverpool down to July 14. The English elections indicate that the Government will have no increased strength in the new Parliament.

Official communications received at the Department of State, from Paris, justify the expectation that the cannon and other property carried across the Rio Grande by the rebel leaders after the capitulation, will be freely and fully restored to the United States, in compliance with the demand heretofore made.

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