

General Assembly.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

The Report of the Publication Committee was made to the Assembly by the Secretary, on Friday. We give an abstract of it.

In the widening influence and growing usefulness of the work entrusted to their care, the Committee find ample justification of its inception, as well as stimulus for its prosecution.

During the period now under review, the Committee have added to their list books and tracts, which, they are assured, will be gladly received and used by the churches.

The publications newly issued during the year are the following, viz:—

TRACTS.

- The Person of Christ. By the Rev. R. D. Hitchcock, D.D.
The Words of Jesus as to Future Punishment.
A Plan for Daily Bible Readings.
The American Presbyterian Almanac, for 1866.
Every Christian a Home Missionary.

CATECHISMS.

- Four Catechisms for the Young.
Catechism with Proofs.

BOUND VOLUMES.

- The Life of John Brainerd.
Love to the End.
The Social Hymn and Tune Book.

are happy to report a somewhat larger total, viz., \$36,255 56, as sales for the year ending March 31st, 1866.

GRANTS.

Our grants of books and tracts have been received with the warmest thanks by our feeble churches and Home Missionaries all over the land.

The increasing number of applications for donations received by the Committee, indicates the increase of appreciation of the work laid upon them by the Assembly.

AN APPEAL.

In view of this fact, the Committee may properly ask our pastors to recognize this call, and see that the collection for "Publication" is regularly taken in their churches at a set time, in each year.

Some of our Sabbath-schools have sent, during the year past, contributions for the assistance of children less favored than themselves. Such gifts will be gladly received, and directly appropriated to needy Sabbath-schools connected with our churches or missions.

Balance on hand, April 1, 1866. \$1,658 38
Cash received on account of Donations for General Purpose. \$9,185 01
Cash received on account of Special Fund. \$4,150 00

Balance on hand, March 31, 1866. \$465 51
The "cash received" does not show the full amount of sales, as balances only in some cases upon the Treasurer's books.

The enlarging business of the Committee, and the increase of stock, call for enlarged accommodations. Accordingly an extension of the building is in process of erection, in the rear of the bookstore and on the west side of the lot.

The Report treats also of Colportage, and notes the appointment of Rev. S. W. Crittenden, as Business Superintendent. The officers are Rev. Albert Barnes, Chairman; Mr. Wm. L. Hildeburn, Treasurer; Rev. John W. Dulles, Secretary and Editor.

Miscellaneous.

THE CASE WELL PUT.

A writer in The Episcopalian of May 5, makes out a case which may well startle other denominations implicated, as well as his own, and which especially shames the petulance of those so-called Christians, who are ever complaining of the calls for pecuniary contributions for the cause of Christ.

A very suggestive train of thought is started by the following facts—which may be allowed to speak for themselves.

By the journal of the General Convention of 1862 (the latest at hand), as far as can be gathered from the imperfect character of the tabular Digest of the various Dioceses, it will be seen that, for the three years preceding that General Convention, the total amount of contributions by twenty Dioceses was about \$3,310,482 54.

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Sum total expended, \$30,635,000. From an estimate of the number of Episcopalians who were in this vast pleasure-seeking throng, it is inferred that the ratio of expenditure for personal gratification to that for the religious and charitable objects of the Church is the same as that shown above.

Thirty and a half millions! The amount expended on social gaiety alone being in a single season nearly five times as much as the whole Episcopal Church, by a liberal estimate, expended during three years upon the various objects of religious care!

"A WHITE MAN'S GOVERNMENT."

Hon. Daniel Clark, of New Hampshire, made an able argument in the United States Senate for equal suffrage recently, from which we take the following:— Mr. President, my house once took fire in the night-time. My two little boys were asleep in it. When I and their mother were away, the neighbors rushed into it, saved the children, and extinguished the flames.

When you put upon them the uniform of the United States, did you say, "Don't disgrace it: this is the white man's government?" When they toiled on the march, in the mud, in the rain and the snow, and when they fell out of the ranks from sheer weariness, did you cheer them on with the encouragement that "that this is the white man's government?"

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The Spirit of Christ sweetly calms the soul of the suffering believer; not by taking away all sense of pain, but by overcoming it by a sense of his love.

THE CRAZY DEACON.

Many years ago, a deacon in one of our New England churches became subject to a mild form of insanity. Being inoffensive, he was permitted to go at large and attend public worship, where he usually behaved with entire decorum.

I have often thought of the crazy deacon's expedient for keeping the peace; and must say, that taking mankind as they are, it is one that cannot be dispensed with.

When I have seen two friends alienated in consequence of trusting everything to each other's honor in their business relations, and neglecting all written contracts and formal settlements, I have thought of the deacon's fence.

When I have seen Christians of different denominations trying to force themselves into a union of worship and labor, for which they had not the requisite preparation of heart, and fomenting new quarrels by the attempt, I have sighed to think how much more real union would have resulted from the "fine rail fence."

It were better, indeed, if no such barrier were needed. But since human nature, even when sanctified, is so imperfect, it is folly to attempt a constrained and unnatural union of parties whose diverse sympathies and interests will only cause irritation by coming in contact.

A STATESMAN'S THREAT.

The late enlightened and liberal Count Cavour, the Prime Minister of Victor Emmanuel, with a thorough comprehension of the genius of Romanism in its effort to repress free thought, and resist the spirit of the age, threatened the overthrow of Papal domination, not by fire and fog, but by the favorite weapons of Rome, but by the introduction of modern improvements.

RIOTOUS OPPOSITION TO ANGLICAN MONKERY.

The attempt of the Rev. "Father" Hunt, Incumbent of Northmoor Green, near Bridgewater, to import the services of the so-called Benedictines into his Easter-day display of ritualism has led to disgraceful outrages. On Saturday night the church was entered, the decorations were destroyed, the clergyman's vestments were cut to pieces, and the sacramental wine was drunk.

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