Miscellaneous.

AMERICA AS A FIELD FOR THE EXER-TIONS OF THE CHRISTIAN SCHOLAR.

At the recent Commencement of Williams College, Lieut.-Gov. Bross of Illinois, of the class of 1838, delivered an able and inspiriting address before the Society of the and from a yearly product of less than Alumni on the above theme. The address the lap of the nation five hundred millions opened with a reference to the religious of dollars. The responsibility which so to be erroneous is necessary cor history of the College, and the fact that it large an amount of money placed every all thorough reform. was largely and intimately associated with those great movements which within the past fifty years had planted the Gospel in every quarter of the globe. It was well lectual and the religious welfare of the those great movements which within the consideration.

ern New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia. it. Emigration from the old world is pouring into it every year in vast crowds, and our own citizens should go with them in sufficient numbers to deeply imbue the THE TRUE BASIS OF THE TEMPER- taste or handle this creature of God, which foreign element with the spirit of our free institutions. In this way alone can we become one homogeneous Christian people.

the body politic.

account, the second in importance upon charity. the continent. The large valleys along its tributaries in the Rocky Mountains were capable of sustaining a large population, was still mainly to be done.

Nevada is settling rapidly, and has in the Union.

and Cascade range, and stretching a thousand miles along the Pacific coast, are

way will be completed, and then will Cologate, and gathers beneath the stars and tice. We often afterwards met and disstripes the commerce of Asia. This year cussed the matter. At length a public ration for them. They hear so much that Idaho will produce silver by the ton, and discussion of the whole question took place, we have forgotten to hear. For as we adthe speaker saw more than a ton of silver at which both of us were present, when I bricks in Nevada. To make shipments of was as delighted as surprised to find that a ton of silver from Virginia City is, a very my old friend Hosack had come over to our common occurrence Colorado has pro- side. Said he, I continued to drink induced, since 1860, thirty millions in gold, toxicating liquor without apprehension

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years and in twenty years from to day there will be from three to five millions there, hundred millions, our mines will pour into year within the reach of the Christianity of

for the graduates, the students and friends of people, there is no limit to the moral grana college with such a history to examine deur to which the nation will attain. It the home field with reference to its just vice is permitted to grasp it, then will claims; and hence the theme chosen for social and political corruption stalk at noonday throughout the land. It is for The speaker first alluded briefly to what the Christian scholars of the land to prohad been done in the past. Our fathers teet the nation against the next great planted upon this continent the germs of a power that will threaten its life—the power Declaration of Independence. Governments it, for thousands of Christian philanthro, world stands." derive their just powers from the consent pists have proved that it can be used for of the governed. Under the combined in the wisest and the noblest purposes. If fluence of these principles, the church and directed to promoting everything that is

rebellion known in history. The country scholar should make that specialty to which was now free! A new era has dawned upon he devotes his energies subserve the best us, and it becomes the Christian scholar to interests of his fellow-men. The educated inquire what new duties the change has farmer and business man have each a very imposed upon him. In order to understand the extent and Preachers of the Gospel and Christian the pressing importance of those duties, the Christian scholar must study how great and and Territories, to give tone and proper speaker invited his audience to go with him society in the principles of eternal truth in imagination to that peak in the Rocky and justice, and the Christian statesmen Mountains which looks down from the north | should so shape the legislation of the counupon the South Pass. Eastward it is more try that the rights of all may be secured. than two thousand miles to where the east- Art and literature have too often pandered ern springs of the Mississippi murmur to vice; but their votaries should bring outset of the temperance reformation. among the Allegheny Mountains in West- out those works only which tend to make the nation purer and wiser and better, and It contains more than one million two hun- then will their names be immortal. Those dred thousand square miles, and is the who devote themselves to science should largest and the richest valley upon the post up its progress year by year, and globe. Its products embrace everything show, as they surely can, that the God of that grows in the torrid and temperate nature is the only living and true God; zones, everything that can minister to the that he is the Christian's God—the Author wants and even to the luxuries of the of the Scriptures, the Rather of our Lord, highest civilization. This valley, in all its and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by whose atoneextent and richness, is not more than half ment we have sure hope of immortality and themselves, "These were all once mode occupied and developed. Schools and eternal life. So shall the leading minds of rate drinkers. Human nature cannot be churches and educational institutions are the nation be controlled, and the whole trusted with alcoholic beverages. Our ex- then preach a sermon, running along the to be established in the western part of people held to the belief and practice of ample of moderate drinking will lead many this great valley for fifty millions of people; of those fundamental truths of the Gospel to begin the same habit who will not rewho within the next century will occupy which alone can give stability and vital strain themselves within our limits. And

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The valley of the Colorado of the West was then described, and next that of Salt Lake. The Mormons have proved that whenever the country in the central regions of the continent can be irrigated, it becomes immensely productive. There are now in Utah almost a hundred thousand people living mainly by agricultures. Salt Lake is a beautiful and highly prosperous city. Polygamy is the curse of Utah, and the next great work for the Christian civilia. We will no more taste this offending beverage while life lasts."

Thus these good men; from pure principle, and in the fear of God, having added to their faith virtue, or manly fortifude, and to virtue knowledge, when what they had deemed a lawful appetite was to be restrained for the good of their fellow men were ready to add to knowledge, temperance. The patience needful to resistance followed and brotherly kindness and The valley of the Colorado of the West moral basis on which to start, and then out wide spread ruin. We will no more taste the next great work for the Christian civili2 tween these extremes. We have a daily tance followed, and brotherly kindness and zation of the nation to do is to banish it work to do in adding to our faith the pract a more enlarged and universal charity from these beautiful valleys. How it could ties virtue which it calls for and then crowned their closing years, till they were be done he did not pretend to predict, but comes the search for knowledge to under injector their reward.—Rev. E. S. Wright, in some way it must be done, for the nation stand what virtue is, and then that we may in some way it must be done, for the nation stand what virtue is, and then that we may could not endure so deadly a cancer upon avoid the influence of appetite and exarice, and the whole train of selfish affections, in The speaker then turned to the great blinding us to the truth, we must add to valley of the Columbia—the third in size, our knowledge temperance, else patience but if its mineral resources be taken into will not follow, nor brotherly kindness, nor

goal of a perfect manhood, and have run a handful of wheat in our garden, we could well as far as temperance, and then halted not tell, though we watched it ever so and several States could be formed in that and fallen. Some of the brightest lights narrowly, the exactumoment when it gervalley, the foundations of which the Chris, in the pulpit, men sound in faith and emi- minated But when we see the waving tian scholars of the land should lay in the nent for their eloquence, and learning, grain in the autumn, we know it did ger principles of Christian truth and justice. having failed to add to knowledge, temper- minate, and that is all we care for. The Small beginnings had been made in Idaho ance, have gone out in darkness at the very and on the lower Columbia, but the work noontide of life. Others of equal eminence, light at once. It will grow brighter with have been saved from the same fate only every Christian duty he performs. The by a timely warning to abstain from even Christian life is a sort of mountain path some sections considerable agricultural rethe moderate indulgence of an appetite and the higher one climbs the clearer the sources, and its great mineral wealth will which cries "give, give," till the vortex atmosphere, and the sooner he will see the soon make it one of the leading States of of an irrecoverable ruin is reached and sun. To the adventurous traveller who has

Lying mainly west of the Sierra Nevada angry whirl which drowns in perdition. . the sun rises earlier and sets later, and the California, Oregon, and Washington. Much ence of opinion among good men in regard. So it is in the Christian life. Clearness of has already been done here, but large dis to total abstinence... And it, was not till, vision, and firmness of foot, and beauty of tricts of country are still unsettled. A facts were brought to show the danger of prospect come only to those who have great empire is rapidly springing up upon the Pacific coast, and the present generation of Christian scholars there and here must determine what the character of that The late venerable Dr. Nott, in a course of made in an hour. Character—Christian empire shall be. In the region so rapidly lectures delivered during the winter of character is not an act, but a process; not sketched there is territory enough to form 1838-9, says, "Years have gone by since a sudden creation, but a development. It twenty States as large as Ohio. "I first became acquainted with the late grows and bears fruit like a tree, and like When one studies the mineral resources Rev. Dr. Hosack, of Johnstown, gone to a tree it requires patient care and unwearied of this section, he becomes absolutely be- his rest During a journey taken with oultivation has mentioned wildered with their expanse and richness. him, soon after our acquaintance com-In six or eight years more the Pacific rail- menced, I observed that he used a little brandy and water with his dinner to aid rado, Idaho, Montana, and Nevada pour digestion; and took a small glass of bitters out their treasures of solid gold and silver before breakfast to insure an appetite, and home intercourse depend very much on the to pay off the national debt. Their distribution to pay off the national debt. Their distribution is though much younger than himself, I ven kindly and affectionate training of the covery and rapid development is one of the tured to question the propriety of such a voice. Trouble, and care, and vexation most wonderful facts in history. Twenty practice He heard me patiently, and an will and must, of course, come, but let years ago California was a Mexican pro- swered me playfully, as his manner was, them not creep into our voices. Let only vince; now she contributes yearly forty- Your logic tells me one thing, my experi- our kindlier and happier feelings be vocal five millions to the national treasury, and ence another, and in the absence of other in our homes. Let them be so, if for no other her chief city, of a hundred thousand in evidence I shall continue my former practices, for the little children's sake. These habitants, sits like a queen at the golden tice. He did continue his former prac-

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choose to be been great aw dad! To several and the several states the several states and the several states are several st

and Montana, not known upon the map until I saw one, and another, and another, ent. tour years ago, gave an account at the (naming three distinguished individuals) sound; it is turned inward, and listens Government revenue office last year for a become intemperate, when, thought I, if chiefly to the echoes of past voices. yield of sixteen millions in gold. There are now among the Rocky Mountains and its growing influence, it is time for in the valleys between them and the Sier. me to abjure its use. His whole weight ras, some three hundred thousand people; from this time was, given to the cause of complete the Pacific Railroad in eight temperance—till full of years and honored ed; we have forgotten to hear such things. by the Churches, he left the world without But little children, remember, sensitively a blot upon his character."

This openness of the mind to conviction, and this Christian-like willingness to charge tens . And thus, with equal sensitiveness, our opinions or our liabits if they are found to be erroneous, is a necessary condition of How were it possible that the sharp and

texti* has a wide meaning. It covers the press the sensitive little being whose harp whole ground of the appetites and passions. of life so newly and delicately strung, viThe original meaning of the word is, brating even to the gentle breeze, and The original meaning of the word is, brating even to the gentle breeze, and strength within, or the power of self-thrilling sensitively ever to the tones of restraint as opposed to self-indulgence. It such voices as sweep across it? Let us be implies a strength of purpose which can kind and cheerful-spoken, then, in our keep the body under, throw off the solicitations of vicious appetites, and which can hold in check all lawful indulgences when their influence is detrimental to any human being: The true principle of tempernew principle. "Freedom to worship of wealth to corrupt and debase the national ance carries us as far as it took Paul when God" is the religious element of that prin-mind. Wealth has destroyed more nations he said, "If meat cause my brother to of ciple, and the political is expressed in the than the sword ever did? It need not do fend, I will eat no longer mest while the

Here, then, we have the true moral ground on which we ought to stand together on this great question of temperance. There the school house were planted side by side, and they should never be undervalued by the American statesman. Under their influence the nation had become powerful, had been enabled to put down the greatest rebellion known in history. The country scholar should make that specialty to which should wholly abstant from the provention of temperance. There are many things which God, in certain took me a long time to study it."

Ay, no doubt of it."

Why, did you not think my explanation, the fext a very good one?"

Why, did you not think my explanation, which, in other circumstances, we should wholly abstant from because of the by good, indeed."

Oyes, said the old preacher, "very rebellion known in history. The country scholar should make that specialty to which our fellow-men, and because of the many offences which they cause to good men. We can never come upon the true ground for temperance, as the subject presents itself in our times and in this country, except we adopt this principle that there are some things which in themselves are lawful, how rich is that heritage which Providence direction to society. The Christian lawyer which are not expedient, and which, not has still reserved for him to develope. The and jurist should lay the foundations of being expedient, it is in such circumstances a moral wrong to use them or to en courage their use.

It was on the ground of a great mora inexpediency that good men gave up even the moderate use of alcoholic drinks in the They were not sure that it was wrong in itself to take a tablespoonful of pure brandy and water before breakfast in the morning, and on rare, festive occasions. But, when the evils of intemperance rolled up before, be, there is a road to London?" them, in the appalling statistics of pauper-ism, crime and wretchedness, which were made public, and when they saw thousands swept into drunkard's graves, and into the drunkard's hell—these good men said to power and enduring glory to the Republication the awful offence will come, of crime, and poverty, and woo, temporal and eter

nal. It is not expedient for us to touch while lying in the juices of the fruit or the grain, was good, but which now tortured Faith in God, faith in Christ, as the into a maddening poison, is working such

* "And to knowledge, temperance."

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It matters not if you cannot tell just Many have begun this race toward the when you became a Christian. If we sow young disciple should not expect too much there is no strength to draw back from the ascended to the summit of Mount Blanc, In the early period of the Temperance night is therefore shorter, than to the peas Reform in this country, there was a differ, ant who lives down in the valley at its base

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PREACH CHRIST.

A young man had been preaching in the resence of a venerable divine, and after he had done, he went to the old minister,

"What do you think of my sermon?" "A very poor sermon, indeed," said

"A poor sermon?" said the young man it took me a long time to study it.

"Well, then, why do you say it is a poor sermon? Didn't you think the metaphors were appropriate, and the arguments conclusive?"

"Yes; they were very good, as far as that goes; but still it was a very poor ser-"Will you tell me why you think it a

poor sermon?" "Because," said he, "there was no Christ in it."

"Well," said the young man, "Christ was not in the text; we are not to be state of the departed. The aim of the compiler is to preaching Christ always; we must preach induce some to make a good and wise use of afflictive what is in the text."

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