BIBLIOPHOBIA. BY REV. WILLIAM ALVIN BARTLETY.

me, a Megation, suspicion, skepticism, are virtues in age of credulity and autocratic religion. Negation is our best definition of some characters and things; just as Belsoni allowed the Sphinx to assert himself by shoveling away the sand of centuries which had drifted him out of sight. But can as positive a being as a man, who acts non faith every instant, be satisfied with a religion of mere negations? Do criticisms of the

human mistakes which cloud all religious furnish a better faith? We do not expect the floar-The stage and perfect the rendition which he deprecates. And yet religion is so vital a thing to the individual that we have a right to expect from the religious critic a substitute better than the imperfect matter he tears down. A grumbler is a very useless individual. Luther did not stop with a simple protest against Papal abuses. He translated the Testament and set up a positive faith. He denied Papal infallibility. He the Reformation was lodged in this. Positivism is a metaphysical necessity and a demand of the last years have been from all quarters

a protest against religious abuses-against hyper-Puritanism; against unreasonable dogma; against false and partial and partisan Scripture interpretation; against the startling immoralities which have sheltered in exegesis and under infallible creeds.

We are making a delightful chaos! Isn't it mabout time for the creative days to succeed? A Miman heart must have something anchored. A citizen has sawed off a quarter of a mile of e we and attempted to float it to St. Louis, down the channel of the Mississippi river. Ice makes poer flat-boat. It is cold. You destroy it in attempting to warm it. It is unsafe, cheerless, as the enterprising ice merchant found to his descet. The little incident of a canoe he took along prevented an ice-water bath. A great many platforms, credal and other, have been and awed out very wisely, yet very coldly, up the frozen stream a century ago. The nearer they come down to this period, towards the tropics of intelligence, the more unceremoniously they

A Congregationalist on the Episcopal Church. The following extracts are from a lecture delivered at Elmira, N. Y., by the Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, a Congregationalist minister. It contrasts favorably with the unfriendly criticisms so often made by members of one religious body upon other bodies:-

Break up; and the little escorting truth, which

mole for all times and climes, canoes them to shore.

Of all Protestant Churches the Episcopal best deserves the name Reformed. She preserves so many of the usages and excellencies of the Roman Church, and so few of her errors. that it is quite easy to perceive that she is a reformed Church. All other Protestant Churches seem revolutionary rather than reformed. * * Thus from reign to reign the Church of England

came down, acquiring little by little her present of the Roman Church, as then existing and ministered in that rude age. The Prayer Book may be called substantially complete as we now have it in the seventeenth century (1661). Thus this reformed Church of England filled up nearly three hundred years in her work of purifying and simplifying. And of all Protestant Churche therefore, she best deserves the name Reformed. In this country, the first parish of this Church was probably that in Jamestown, Virginia, 1606-S. Down to the Revolutionary war, the Church in this land was under the care of the Bishops of London. Shortly after the Revolution an application was made to Par-

Mament to allow an American Bishop to be con-secrated. But the Puritans and Presbyterians opposed the proposition, and so Mr. Seabury, the candidate, had to put up with a second-rate consecration at the hands of certain Scotch Bishops. But at last, in 1787, Parliament allowed the Archbishop of Canterbury to conse-erate three regular, first-class Bishops for New To crate three regular, first-class Bishops for New York, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, respectively.

Since then the holy unction has not been allowed to fall. With pious care it has been propagated.

And the Episcopal Church in these United States a stands to-day as truly and regularly in the line of Apostolic succession as the Church of Englands to the control of the control of

After this mere outline of her history, it remains that I note some of her excellent uses and beauties.

land herself.

L The Episcopal Church offers for our the most venerable liturgy in the English tongue. The devotional treasures of the Roman Catholic Church are embalmed and buried in Latin. But in English, there are no lessons, gospeis, psalms, collects, confessions, thanks-givings, prayers—in one word, no religious form book that can stand a moment in comparison with the Prayer Book of the Episcopal Church in the two-fold quality of richness and age. The in the two-fold quality of richness and age. The proper name, because truly descriptive, for this Church, would be Church of the Prayer Book. As is the way with all other Churches, so here, the Church champions and leaders have many wise things to say about the Church and her prerogative. But the plons multitudes that frequent her courts are drawn thither mostly by love of the prayers and praises, the litanies and lessons of the Prayer Book. And, brethren of every name, I certify you that you rarely hear in any church a certify you that you rarely hear in any church a prayer spoken in English that is not indebted to the Frayer Book for some of its choicest

periods. And further, I doubt whether life has cin store for any of you an uplift so high, or downfall so deep, but that you can find company for your soul and fitting words for your lips among the treasures of this Book of Common Man all time of our tribulation; in all time of

our prosperity; in the hour of death and in the Day of Judgment; Good Lord, deliver us." As a consequence of the Prayer Book and its nse I note:-

2. The Episcopal Church preserves a very high grade of dignity, decency, propriety, and permanence in all her public offices. To be using to-day the self-same words that have through the centuries declared the faith or made known the prayer of that mighty multitude, who being now delivered from the burden of desh, are in joy and felicity. To be baptized in early infancy, and never to know a time when we were not recognized and welcome among the millions who have entered by the same door. To be confirmed in due time, in a faith that has sustained a noble army of confessors, approving its worth through persecutions and prosperities, a strength to the tried and a chastening to the worldly-minded. To be married, by an authority before which kings and peasants bow allke, asking benediction upon the covenant that with-word respect of persons binds, by the same words of duty, the highest and the lowest. To bring of duty, the highest and the lowest. To bring our new-born children as we were brought, to begin where we began, and to grow up to fill our places. To die in the faith, and almost hear the Gospel words soon to be spoken over one's own grave as over the thousand times ten thousand of them who have slopt in Jesus. In short, to be a devout

smand sconsistent Churchman brings a man through aisles fragrant with holy association, and accompanied by a long procession of the pools, chanting as they march a unison of piety

and hope until they come to the holy place where shining saints sing the new song of the

where siming sames same the new song of the redeemed. And they sing with them.

Another excellence I note:—

3. The Episcopal Church furnishes (to all who need such comfort) the assurance of an organic of and microken unity and succession from Jesus Christ through the Apostles, by a line of authors don't have been to Blahon Huntington of this diocese. * * Tleave historians and ecclesiasts to their endless words, and assert that the poor in spirit who seek comfort and once * *

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Church are as well off in her as they can be in 4. The Episcopal Church is excellent in her for Christian education and pions

Churches that avowedly recessarily provide infants as members must necessarily provide infants as members must necessarily provide ingly the Episcopal Church is characteristically a Church for the training of children, just as a Church for the training of children, just as some sister Churches are I characteristically revival Churches for the conversion of grown folk. In the Prayer Book and Church Almanac you find the Christian year divided into periods separated by high-days—monuments and memorials of Christian story. This Christian calendar agrees very nearly with that of the Roman Church, And he is an unusually well-informed Christian who can read over this catalogue of days, and in few words tell the story that each day celebrates! But a birthright churchman who has been quietly trained in a church home for fifteen years will need very little teaching more In connection with this calendar is a system of lessons in following which the reader is led through the entire Bible each year, and through its more profitable parts, monthly or oftener. He who for years has been a churchman, and yet re-mains ill-grounded in Scripture, shows himself an unworthy son of a very faithful mother.

SUMMARY OF CHURCH NEWS.

EPISCOPAL.

—The new Episcopal church at West Chester, just completed, cost about \$33,000. -The "Churchman's Year Book" contains the names of 51 Episcopal bishops and 2541 clergymen.

-Bishop Davis, of South Carolina, is totally blind. He performs the offices of the church

from memory.

On the 24th ult., Rev. John Murray Forbes, D. D., was installed as Dean of the General Theological Seminary in New York. —On the 22d of February Washington's Fare-well Address was read in Trinity Church, New York. It is not in the Prayer-book.

—The Episcopalians have a "Clergyman's Mu-tual Insurance League," numbering 529 mem-bers. On the death of any member his brethren each send two dollars to the heirs. The second death lately occurred, and the entire amount was forwarded within a month.

-The American Churchman, of Chicago notices "with regret" that an Episcopal "Home" in Milwaukee is down for \$500 in the list of appropriations by the "charitable" committee of the Wisconsin Legislature. It believes that Romanism ought to have a monopoly of this sort of thing.

—The Episcopalians now have associations

organized to represent every shade of opinion. The Latimer Association represents the Revi-sionists, the Church Union the Ritualists, the Evangelical Catholic Union the Moderate Low-Church party, and the Conservative Church Union the Moderate High-Churchmen.

—Rev. Mr. Bellew, an Episcopal clergyman of England, has produced Hamlet in St. George's Hall, London, with fine scenery and costumes, but with silent pantomimic actors. Mr. Bellew does all the speaking, and his powers as an actor are much commended; but complaint is to made to the bishop against him. He is the man who trained Fechter, the English player of "Ham-

let," now in this country.

—Bishop Temple has made a long statement in the Upper House of Convocation, in which he defends his position in taking part in the "Essays and Reviews." He "retracts nothing." "condemns nothing." In future editions his essay will appear as by Frederick Temple, and not as by the Bishop of Exeter. The Bishop of Gloucester writes to the Times that his speech received the only answer that could be given-"sorrowful and rebukeful silence." He and others are now "distressed and shocked beyond words." Instead of peace, there can now only be, at least for the present, "continued doubt

—In Mobile, Rev. Dr. Pierce was recently consecrated as Missionary Bishop of Arkansas. The Mobile Register gives a full account of the proceedings, which were of a somewhat novel character. "All the reverend and right reverend personages were in the full canonicals of their respective orders, several of them being distinguished by their hoods." The Bishops of Mississippi and Illinois appeared in the role of Doctors of Divinity, with scarlet hoods, lined with black; Bishop Quintard was a Doctor of Laws of the University of Cambridge, with a scarlet and pink hood, while two Masters of Art of Oxford The services gave much satisfaction to the crowd of spectators, and to Bishop Young, who had "efficiently, patiently, and dexterously managed" the arrangements for the ceremonial.

PRESSYTURIAN. -The Rev. William Fulton, of Indiana, in this State, has received a unanimous call to the Fourth United Presbyterian Church of Allegheny

City.

—The New Providence church in Rockbridge eounty, Virginia, has had but three pastors in one hundred years. It was served for seventy-five years by the Rev. Samuel Brown and his son-in-law, the Rev. James Morrison.

—The Rev. J. J. Bullock, D. D., now pastor

of Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, Baltimore, Maryland, has received and accepted a call to the Presbyterian church in Alexandria,

The Second United Presbyterian Church of Pittsburg, contributed something over four thousand dollars for the cause of missions.

This is said to be the largest sum reported from any church of this body in that city.

—The Cumberland Presbyterians are introducing the custom of licensing colored preachers to preach "among people of their own color." The Cumberland Presbyterian denounces the practice as unchristian and unauthorized by the Bible, Confession, or form of government.

-The Presbyterians expect soon to have a college in Iowa. Already \$50,000 is waiting for the purpose, and it is understood that either Des Moines, Marshalltown, or Cedar Rapids will raise \$100,000 more for the purpose of securing

-The Presbyterians of San Francisco have been holding enthusiastic meetings to promote the subject of church extension. The city com-mittee report that the Philadelphia method of lanting churches should be adopted, while the New York method of establishing missions as feeders to the parent church is characterized as impolitic as well as selfish.

METHODIST. The ladies' movement to pay the \$60,000 debt of the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Washington city, D. C., has resulted already in the receipt of \$10,000.

The Methodists in New York report 182,955

members, of whom 156,377 are in full membership. The Presbyterians have 109,363 members, the Baptists 96,703, the Episcopallans 63,047, and the Congregationalists 25,448. During the last nine years Methodism in this State has increased ten per cent. in membership, twenty-three per cent in churches, fifty-one per cent. in parsonages, five per cent. in Sabbath-Schools, fifteen per cent, in Sunday-school teachers, thirty-seven per cent. in Sunday-school scholars, one hundred and forty per cent. in the value of church edifices, and one hundred and sixty-four per cent.

in the value of parsonages. - The New Orleans Christian Advocate publishes in full what purports to be the constitu-tion of an American Independent Catholic Church. It is not explained how this document came into its possession; but it vouches for it as genuine and as issued by 47 regular American atholic priests. The most salient points about t are that the Pope is not recognized as supreme, it are that the Pope is not recognized as supreme, but only as primus inter pares; that confession and celibacy, though good and excellent in themselves, are not obligatory; that no monastic vow shall be made for over five years, though it may be repeated ad libitum; and that the effort be made to "harmonize, as far as possible, with all Christian denominations, especially with the Catholics of the old rite and the members of the Episcopal Church," with whom they are at one, except in some "few insignificant rites." The remaining articles are mainly devoted to checking the extreme power of bishops over the

ealvation through the offices of the Episcopal | priesthood and the laity. There is no change Church are as well off in her as they can be in | proposed further than this in doctrine or worbut this is so great as almost to raise the oubt whether the elaborate articles, 53 in number, which the Advocate prints are not spr It seems almost incredible that 45 regular priests could have ventured to sign such a revolution ary document, which would consign them to immediate excommunication, especially when an attack on Bishop McQuald, signed anonymously "Many Priests," was immediately denounced by every priest in the diocese. But we are assured by the gentlemen in this city to whom inquries are referred that it is genuine, and emanates from priests of the South.

CATHOLIC. —While the Italian Kingdom, with a popula-tion of 24,000,000, is represented in the Œcume-nical Council by 133 members, and the Papal States, with a population of 700,000, by 143, France is represented by only 84 members, Austria by 48, the Germanic Confederation by 19, Great Britain by 35, and the United States by 48. The Italian members of the council, in fact, form considerably more than a third of fact, form considerably more than a third of

-The Romanist influence in Missouri a few days ago pushed a bill through the lower house of the Legislature, giving parochial schools \$10 from the public school money for every papil.

On reconsideration, the bill was lost.

—The Pope, unable to find an American saint to casonize, has just beatified Glovanni Ancina,

who was once a priest connected with the church which is now occupied as the American College at Rome. MORAVIAN.

-The Moravians of the United States are divided into two provinces, one in the Northern and the other in the Southern States. The statistics of the Northern Province have just been published, from which we learn that it contains but 52 churches, having 5970 communicants (an increase of 290), 892 non-sommunicants, 3610 children, and 5494 Sabbath School scholars. largest church, that at Bethlehem, Pa., has 1012 communicants, and at Hope, Ind., Nazareth, Pa., and Philadelphia there are churches with between 250 and 300 members each. Their ministers number 43. The Southern Province is much smaller, having 1059 communicants and 685 children and ether members. The British Province contained in 1868 3280 communicants and a total of 5448 souls. The German Province, in the same year, 4895 communicants and a total of 7270 souls. It will then be seen that the North Pro-vince of the United States is the largest in the Moravian community, and that their total number of communicants, exclusive of those in their missions, which far outnumber those at home, is but 16,004, which is less than the number of Congregationalists in New Hampshire or Illinois.

-The Baptists have church extension com nittees in some of our large cities. Within a little more than four years the St. Louis committee has received nearly \$54,000, and the membership of the churches has been increased

BAPTIST.

from 900 to nearly 1500.

—Mr. Hiram Woods, of Baltimore, has recently given \$16,000 to the building of the new Baptist church in that city. He was also donor of the lot, worth \$20,000. -The Baptists of Sulphur Springs, Missouri, have been enabled to purchase the Presbyterian

house of worship, by a loan from the Church Edifice Fund, New York.

—The Chancellor of New Jersey, in the case of a Baptist church, has decided that the trustees of a society have no right to close the church against the minister and congregation when they wish to use it for purposes of wor-

ship.

—The Baptist statistics of Michigan, just issued, show 271 churches—a gain of 23. There are 18,312 members—a gain of 1250. There are 248 ministers, and but 26 of the pastors have been settled over three years, while 47 have begun their third year. The practice, if not the theory, of itinerancy prevails. The endow-ment of Kalamazoo College has been increased about \$30,000 during the year.

LUTHERAN. -Of Lutheran periodicals in this country there are nine printed in the English, fifteen in German, two in Norwegian, and two in the

Swedish language.

—According to the Lutheran Almanae for 1870, there are in this country, of Evangelical Lutherans, 51 synods, 1983 ministers, 3417 churches, and 387,746 communicants.

—Rev. G. F. G. Yaeger, of the Synod of Pennsylvania, states in the Zeitschrift that he has

recently celebrated his jubilee in Friedenskirche, which he has served fifty years and seven months (1819-69). He is still able to preach to six churches. He tells us that in these fifty years he has baptized 6252, confirmed 3583, buried 2451, married 1205. CONGREGATIONAL.

—The two hundredth anniversary of the or-ganization of the South Congregational Church, in Hartford, Conn., was celebrated on Tuesday,

February 22.

-Rev. Dr. Wallace, of the Third Church, Manchester, N. H., recently preached a sermon reviewing his thirty years pastorate, and among other changes of time noticed the fact that not one pastor that officiated at his installation now in charge of a church. He is the third paster in age in the State, Rev. Dr. Tobey, of Durham, being the oldest, and Rev. E. Buxton,

Durham, being the oldest, and Rev. E. Buxton, of Webster, the second.

—The First Church, Newton, Mass., Rev. D. L. Furber, pastor, having remodelled and greatly enlarged their house of worship, dedicatory services were held January 18. This Church was organized July 20, 1664, and the present is the fifth house of worship. They have had eight pastors, of whom four served, respectively, 47 years, 42, 40, and 22; the present pastor was installed over the church 22 years ago.

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