

The design of the twenty-cent piece authorized by act of Congress of March 3, 1875, is a sitting figure of Liberty on the obverse, with the word "Liberty" inscribed on the shield, the whole surface surrounded by thirteen stars, and beneath the figure the date—1878. On the reverse the figure of an eagle surrounded by the inscription, "United States of America," and beneath the eagle the words, "Twenty cents."

A LARGELY attended meeting of the Plymouth Church Society was held Wednesday evening, about four-fifths of the pew-holders being present. The question of increasing Mr. Beecher's salary was considered, and Henry W. Sage offered a resolution fixing the salary of the pastor for the ensuing year at \$100,000 instead of \$90,000, as heretofore. After enthusiastic speeches by several of those present the resolutions were unanimously adopted. It is understood that the increase is for one year only, the object being to enable Mr. Beecher to pay the costs of his trial.

GOVERNOR CURTIN.—Much curiosity is excited concerning the stand ex-Governor Andrew G. Curtin will take in the coming campaign. The Governor, who has served two terms as Chief Executive of this Commonwealth and three or four years as minister to St. Petersburg, is claimed by both parties. Mr. Curtin has an enviable reputation as a war Governor, and has the credit of serving the American government with distinguished ability as a foreign minister. He has hosts of friends in both parties, who would be pleased to have him defend his position. In common with thousands of others we would, without fear of offence or disappointment in what he might say, be pleased to hear him speak out.

The jury in the Tilton-Beecher scandal case has failed to agree upon a verdict, and the plaintiff has, in consequence, failed to get the \$100,000 damages for which he sued. The trial has lasted six months, and has cost Kings county upwards of \$50,000. The only parties who have made it pay are the lawyers. Mr. Everts got \$35,000, Gen. Tracy got \$10,000. Mr. Hill, \$5,000. Mr. Sherman made no charge for his services. It is reported that Mr. Beach got \$5,000, and Messrs. Fullerton, Morris and Pryor \$2,500 each. At 10 minutes past 11 o'clock, on Friday of last week, the jury filed into court and took their old seats. Clerk Mallison then called the roll, and asked, "Gentlemen, have you agreed on a verdict?" Foreman Carpenter rose and said: "We have not. We very much regret it, but we found it impossible to agree."

FOREIGN POSTAGE.—On the 1st inst. the new rates of foreign postage went into effect. The following table gives the rates upon letters, postal cards and newspapers to all the countries of Europe, and also to Egypt and Liberia:

Table with columns for Country, Letters, Postal Cards, Newspapers. Includes entries for Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, etc.

Prepayment optional in every case, and the postage above given carries the mail matter to destination. Postal cards are not available for France, Gibraltar or Liberia. WALTER P. JANNEY, geologist of the Black Hills Expedition, in a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs dated June 22, says: While examining the gravel deposits at the north bend of Castle Creek he found gold in small quantities in bars or terraces of alluvial quartz gravel resting on a bed of rock about ten feet above the present level of the stream. The area of these bars was limited. The gold which they contained had evidently been furnished by the quartz veins traversing slates along the stream. There was considerable excitement among the soldiers and trappers about gold on the arrival of the expedition on French Creek, but as no one obtained, even by several hours' labor, more than a few cents' worth of gold dust, none of the command was afterward seen working for the precious metal. About fifteen miners have located claims on the creek. The reports they give of the richness of the gravel bars are greatly exaggerated. Mr. Janney's prospecting shows a general diffusion of small quantities of gold over a large area. He had sunk

a shaft of fifteen feet to the bed rock near the stockade and obtained only a trace of gold. Nothing had as yet been discovered to warrant extensive mining operations. He intended examining the country to the north of Harney's Peak. Mr. Janney sends with his letter small grains of specimen gold.

Mr. Beecher's Temporary Escape by Disagreement.

The disagreement of the jury in the Beecher case is a conclusion which was almost inevitable from the start of the trial. It was simply impossible to convict the Plymouth pastor in Brooklyn. The issue might have been doubtful anywhere else, but there, under the shadow of the great church, it was not at all doubtful that no jury could be got to unanimously bring him in guilty of the offences alleged against him. The long-continued effort to force an agreement was unprecedented. If it had succeeded simply by tiring out the dissenting jurymen it would have had no moral value.

The disagreement substantially proclaims that a man who so conducted himself under a charge of base practices as Beecher did for four years, and who made so poor a defense on the trial, deserves at least to be attainted with strong suspicion of guilt. On whatever theory you explain this cowardice and deceit, the result is fatal to his integrity as a man and destructive of his power as a minister. Not the least of his manifold offenses is his bearing and conduct since the fight between him and Tilton came to an issue. He has played the buffoon, resorted to theatrical tricks to exhibit indifference, joked and jested, laughed and parried words as if it was a mock trial and he a clown undergoing circus practice in the presence of a flippant crowd. From these things alone Mr. Beecher's character as a man of dignity and a serious and conscientious minister has received a fatal blow. Guilty or innocent, the mere fact that he was on trial in the most notorious case ever brought before the American people, would have saddened, sobered, and tempered almost any other man, assuredly any other minister. The charge of adultery against him was the worst that can be brought against a preacher. What more damning offense could be alleged against a pastor than that by his arts he had debauched the wife of his young disciple, herself a child of his flock, and he, the seducer, a man old and gray-headed, one who made the burden of his sermons Christian manhood, and held up as the exemplar of human conduct the spotless Christ?

It is ground for encouragement that Beecher, on a defense so flimsy as his, was not able to get verdict formal vindication as a jury verdict in his favor would have given him. The ovation he would have received from his deluded followers would have been nauseating to just and sensible men. In the end it would have reacted against its hero; but its occurrence would have been an insult to truth and an outrage to religion.

Though the case against Beecher was only partially developed in court under the restrictions of the law, yet enough was brought out, and the defense was, to say the least, sufficiently unsatisfactory to make his acquittal impossible with men appreciating the value of evidence. In truth, his only real defense was his own denial of guilt. The theory of conspiracy and the fact of blackmail were withdrawn by Beecher himself, and were put out of the case by Judge Nelson; and thus the issue was between Mr. Tilton, Mr. and Mrs. Moulton, Mr. Beecher's own letters, and his extraordinary conduct, on the one side, and on the other the defendant's denial of guilt or of any impropriety whatever presented in his dramatic testimony on the witness stand. Could he expect a verdict of a jury or the public in his favor with the balance so strong against him? He has rather reason to thank his good fortune that the jury in view of his reputation, and the glamour of his profession, and the power of his influential church, has not judged him as an ordinary man.

The miscarriage of this trial will probably stay off, if not totally prevent, any judicial settlement of the case. But can Mr. Beecher continue to preach, and write the "Life of Christ"? That he will have the assurance to make the attempt he has already declared with brazen defiance of public sentiment. His church will, of course, sustain him for a while, if not to the end. But the Christian conscience, the moral feeling, the opinion and sense of propriety of good men will assuredly be against him.

The foundation of Christianity is in the ideal purity of the life and doctrines of Jesus Christ. Infidelity has never been able to assail that. It appeals to the cold intellect of the skeptic as well as to the enthusiasm of the devout believer in the saving efficiency of the Atonement. This ideal character of Christianity, provoking to aspirations for heavenly purity of conduct and motive, is the glory of Christ's religion, and makes it first among the faiths which have met the needs and perceptions of men since first the dependence of man on a divine power was recognized by humanity.

The priests and teachers of Christian doctrine are therefore rightly held to the strictest accounts as to character. Even in those churches where the title to priestly functions is ordination and apostolic succession, the priest's character of character has had to be maintained in all ages. Even in the worst days of the Church, and the truly devout fought against immorality of life as fatal to ministerial influence and disgraceful to the church. In a church like the Congregational, character is the first and practically the only title to instruct from the pulpit. The minister holds his office by reason of gifts of preaching and a life that enforces by its integrity and soundness the lessons he offers to his brethren. Suspicion even of dereliction shatters his influence. His voice is no more than a sounding brass and tinkling cymbal, if it does not speak the words of a conver-

sation and life of morality and consistent religious order.

Mr. Beecher mounts the pulpit after this disgraced by a majority of his countrymen, not having been able, after his best efforts during a long investigation and with the aid of able counsel, dexterous attorneys, and vast money resources, to clear his character from reproach. In fact, the doubts which encompassed him are much stronger than they were before the trial began. His own sworn testimony did not carry conviction. His light behavior under legal scrutiny awakened disgust. His proved cowardice and deceit long ago pulled him down from his lofty pillar of influence. His method of meeting the assault of Tilton by personal abuse of his accuser, of unprecedented virulence, shocked the Christian sense of the community. Yet he essays to preach to men about manliness, charity, truth, honesty, spotless Christianity, and an exalted morality! If he had been a man of sensitiveness, we should have been spared his flippancy during the trial, both in the court room and in Plymouth Church. That he has the effrontery to show himself in the pulpit after the revelations of the last year, shows that he has the hide of the rhinoceros. Whatever he does, however, he is a ruined man, and—very sadly we say it—he deserves his fate.—N. Y. Sun, 3d inst.

Current Events.—The famous race horse Lexington died last Tuesday night. The body is said to be very partial to the post. The race horse Lexington was killed by a falling rail on the Long Island Railroad train, at Port Clinton on Sunday. The race horse Lexington was killed by a falling rail on the Long Island Railroad train, at Port Clinton on Sunday. The race horse Lexington was killed by a falling rail on the Long Island Railroad train, at Port Clinton on Sunday.

—Robert Dale Owen, the spiritualist, has been some time and some trouble in his journey to Indiana. He had been for some time an inmate of a water cure establishment in Western New York. —A four-rouned boat race took place at Pittston, Pa., Tuesday, between the Watkins Club, the Watkins Club, and the Watkins Club. It was won by the Watkins Club. —The race regulation of the Twenty-eighth and thirty-first of the Pennsylvania State Police was held at the Watkins Club. —The Catholic Church at Ringtown, N. Y., is in a state of confusion. —The race regulation of the Twenty-eighth and thirty-first of the Pennsylvania State Police was held at the Watkins Club.

—On Monday night O. G. Griswold, of Port Jervis, N. Y., was shot and killed by his stepson, John Moulton. There had previously been a fight between them, in which the stepson, who was drunk, was ejected from the house. A few minutes afterwards he returned and fired the shot. —The United States District Court at Port Jervis, N. Y., has decided in the case of Smith v. Smith, that the common law of the State of New York applies to the case.

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NO TAX-PAYERS.—The undersigned hereby gives notice that the Lebanon School Board has appointed him to collect the SCHOOL AND BUILDING TAX for the year 1874. He is to be paid for his services by the School Board. He is to be paid for his services by the School Board.

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Table showing financial details for the Lehigh School District for the year ending June 30, 1874. Includes columns for Balance on hand, Receipts, Expenditures, and Balance in Treasury.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1874. The undersigned, Auditors of the Lehigh School District, having carefully examined the above accounts, find them correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE WEIHSFORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1874. The undersigned, Auditors of the Borough of Weisport, having examined the above accounts, do hereby certify that they are correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Table showing financial details for the Weisport School District for the year ending June 30, 1874. Includes columns for Receipts, Expenditures, and Balance in Treasury.

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