PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.
TUESDAY MORNING, NOV. 2, 1852.

EARLY PIETY.

A pious son or daughter, who adorns the Christian profession, is an inestimable blessing to a family, rendering most efficient aid in the right training of others. A wicked son or daughter is a curse; and it will be a singular deliverance if they ruin only themselves.

Besides present usefulness, a speedy conversion will greatly increase their power to be useful in time to come. Doing good is an art for which we need to be trained as for most other arts. The earlier children enter into the service of Christ, the more complete will this training be; they will have a greater amount of Christian knowledge and a larger experience of the truth; and having been accustomed from early life to make the glory of God their end, and his Word their rule, they will not have formed those sinful habits, of feeling or conduct, which even grace itself does not wholly eradicate.

Conversions in later life seldom make as useful men in Church or State. The active, leading men in our congregations are those, as a general thing, who enter early into the Church. Early piety also effects much the acquisition of useful skill and learning. A Christian, in the nature of things, cannot be a drone. He serves a Master whom he loves, and whom he desires to serve with all his powers.—He is therefore disposed to qualify himself for such service. If, therefore, we desire children to become good scholars, good mechanics, good merchants, good any thing, we should desire and aim to make them first good Christians, servants of Christ; for nothing furnishes a more powerful stimulus to improvement than religion.—*Dr. Hatton.*

Prospects for Christianity in the Burmese Empire.

The aspect of affairs in the Burmese empire, seems to indicate that one of the events likely to arise out of the present war, will be the opening of that country to the messengers of the gospel, and to Christian civilization. All classes of the natives are imploring British protection.—They express themselves sick of a tyranny to whose ravages they have been long exposed, under which "life, fame, property, and families, are not worth five minutes purchase." The Karen Christians have been long praying for the English to come and take their country, and give them liberty; and now that there is some appearance of their prayers being answered, they are watching the events of the war with intense interest. The Karens are a portion of the aboriginal inhabitants of the country who occupy all the mountain regions of the southern and eastern portions of the Burmese territory—many of whom are Christians, under the care of native evangelists, who some years ago introduced the gospel among them. They are a patriarchal people, whose traditions have so much of a Scripture character, as to have led some to conclude that they are of the Jewish race. This, however, is very improbable. It is more likely that these traditions are faint vestiges of primitive Christianity. The Karens, wherever they have been met with have manifested great readiness to receive the gospel.

The Government of the St. Gall, Switzerland, has notified to the bishop that the proposed establishment of a convent under the guidance of ladies of the Society of the Sacred Heart, or of any other association affiliated to the Jesuits, is forbidden by the general laws of Switzerland.

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