The Pittsburgh Gazette

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION.

Second Day's Proceedings.

MORNING SESSION.

The State Christian Convention, the opening session of which was held Tuesday evening, the proceedings of which we gave in yesterday's issue, re-assembled yesterday morning in the First Presbyterian Church, Wood street, at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. W. B. Chidlaw, one of the Vice Presidents, the President elect, Rev. H. T. Miller, not having arrived.

After reading a portion of the Scriptures, the Convention joined in singing a hymn. The next half hour was spent in devotional exercises, which were participated in with deep interest by the assemblage.

The Chairman stated that in order to perfect the roll, blank papers would be distributed through the audience, and delegates who had not yet reported were requested to write their names and residences.

THE DISCUSSION.

The time for discussion having arrived the Chairman announced the following topic:

The Christian. How can we increase our personal devotion and sense of responsibility, and best secure preparation for christian work.?

The discussion was opened by Rev. W. B. Chidlaw, of Cincinnati, who was followed by Rev. Dr. Blair, Indiana, Pa.; Rev. W. H. Locke, Liberty street M. E. Church; Rev. Mr. Long, Mr. J. B. Dake, Salem, Ohio; Rev. Dr. A. K. Bell, Allegheny; Rev. J. K. Andrews, Rev. J. K. Ormond, Rev. Mr. Fink, Dr. Martin and Mr. Burwell, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LETTERS TO THE CONVENTION.

After the discussion was concluded, letters were read from several ministers conveying their well wishes for the success of the Convention, and invoking the blessing of God upon their labors.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Rev. S. F. Scovill, Chairman of the Business Committee, then announced the order of exercises for the afternoon session. The Convention would resemble at half past two o'clock, and one half hour would be spent in devotional exercises. From three o'clock until half past four the third topic on the programme would be discussed. The Committee also announced that during the afternoon any person in the congregation who might have questions of a Christian character to ask, could write them out and send them to the Chairman, with the name of the person they desired to answer. In case no name was designated, the Business Committee would assign some person. A special invitation was extended to mechanics and workingmen generally, to be in attendance at the evening session, and participate in the exercises.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, after singing an appropriate hymn, the benediction was pronounced, and the Convention adjourned until half past two o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at half past two o'clock, Rev. Scovill, in the chair, and the devotional exercises commenced by singing the 19th hymn.

"M. dy are gliding swiftly by
And a glorious time they bear."

The Chairman then read a chapter from Paul's Epistle to the Romans, after which he read a note that had been left on the table, requesting the prayers of the Convention in behalf of a young man of this city who is addicted to the sin of intemperance, which was signed by the "Mother and Sisters," after which the Rev. Chidlaw offered an elegant prayer, which was followed by singing the 4th hymn;

"Awake, my soul to joyful lays
And sing the great Redeemer's praise."

The Chairman requested the brothers to remember the young man in their prayers who had been brought to their notice by the note which had just been read, in compliance with which one of the delegates offered up a beautiful and touching appeal to the Throne of Grace in behalf of the young man for whom the special prayers of the Convention had been solicited, and all others given to the vice of intemperance. At the close of the prayer another note was read, requesting the special prayers of the Convention in behalf of an absent brother.

At the request of the Chairman the Convention joined in singing the third hymn:

"Come thou fount of every blessing."

Prayer was then offered by one of the delegates.

After which the second verse of the third hymn was sung:

"On to grace how great a debtor."

Rev. W. J. Reed then led the meeting in prayer, which was followed by singing the second verse of the fifth hymn:

"He saw me ruined by the fall."

After which one of the delegates led in prayer.

MESSAGE OF GREETING.

The chairman announced that a message of greeting had been received from the Young Men's Christian Association of Cincinnati, which read as follows:

To the Young Men's Christian Association of Pittsburgh, and members of the Convention assembled:

The Cincinnati Young Men's Christian Association sends greetings to you, and pray that God may guide you in your deliberations.

We repeat our motto to your young men: "Stand up for Jesus."

The hour appointed for the discussion of the second topic having arrived, the devotional exercises were brought to a close, and Rev. H. Thane Miller, the permanent Chairman, having arrived, took the Chair, and announced that the Convention would be opened for business with prayer by Rev. Mr. Hill, of Cincinnati, at the close of which Mr. Miller thanked the Convention for the honor conferred upon him by selecting him as President of the Convention, and after some further remarks, requested the Convention to sing the twenty-seventh hymn:

"Come holy spirit, heavenly dove,
With all thy quickening powers."

The Chairman of the Business Committee announced to the delegates from Cleveland that the Committee had succeeded in procuring return tickets on the Pennsylvania Central, Allegheny Valley, Pittsburgh and Connellsville and Panhandle railroads, and the Monongahela boats, but they were unable to secure tickets on the Pittsburgh and Erie and Pittsburgh and Chicago roads.

ANOTHER MESSAGE.

The President announced the reception of a dispatch from the Christian Convention in Minnesota, which read as follows:

"The Minnesota State Christian Association to the Convention in session at Pittsburgh, sends greeting. Colossians iii chapter and 5th verse, and 24 Thessalonians, 3d chapter and 1st verse

(Signed) R. A. CUNNINGHAM.

THE DISCOURSE.

The Convention then proceeded to discuss the second topic, viz: "The Church—How shall we develope the Church; manifest its essential unity, and improve devotional meetings?"

Rev. A. A. Burnell, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, opened the discussion, and in regard to the first point, said that to develope individual churches individual efforts must be developed. This was the principal and most important work to do in order to develope the churches. Individual effort must be made in an earnest manner, and be made continually, and it would of itself make a combined effort, and finally accomplish the object for which we were laboring. Let all work for the one end and much good would be attained, and if all work faithfully they cannot fail to see good results follow. He related a number of anecdotes illustrative of his position, and showing what good had been accomplished by individual efforts.

At the conclusion of Mr. Burnell's remarks, one verse of the 6th hymn was sung:

"The Lord is set in all his ways."

The Rev. Mr. Blair, of Indiana, Pa., next addressed the convention, upon the topic under discussion. His remarks were forcible and to the point.

Rev. Dr. Marshal, who was next speaker, and entertained the convention for ten minutes, the full time allotted him, in an able manner, showing the power of the church, and of individuals to do good if their efforts were put forth in the proper direction.

LETTER FROM HOWARD CROSBY.

Rev. Dr. Scovil then read the following letter:

NEW YORK, September 22, 1867.

MY DEAR BROTHER ENSIGN—Your letter of August 7th coming during my vacation, I have not been able to give it an early reply. I have not time to prepare the paper you request, but I can give you the facts relating to our church work, and you can publish them in any way by which the cause of Christ can be furthered.

1. *The Young People's Christian Association* includes about two hundred young men and women. They have a devotional meeting every Saturday evening in our Chapel, where every young man previously Christ is obliged in his turn to lead the meeting and every young man is expected to pray when called on, or teach. These meetings are very lively and helpful, and have been the means of developing the gifts of our young members, so that they act as leaders in neighborhood prayer meetings, and have confidence in speaking to others of Christ and His salvation. They have a social meeting at my house once a month. This meeting is crowded. It is opened with Scripture, singing and prayer, and closed at ten o'clock P. M. exactly, with the doxology and benediction, when the assembly at once separates. The meeting is only held in the pastor's house so that these details can be exactly performed. The two hours of the meeting are given up to prose-reading, conversation and music. It is a very charming evening. The congregation are invited, and there the members are cemented together in acquaintanship and personal sympathy. There are committees of the Association:

1. *On Sunday Schools*—To see that the Sunday Schools are provided with teachers.

2. *On Intemperance*—To look after the young strangers coming to the church.

3. *On the Sick.*

4. *On Business*—To attend to the business of the Association, and so avoid all general business meetings. This is very important.

5. *On Employment*—To find employment for the needy.

6. *On the Poor.*

7. *On Meetings*—To arrange the details of each meeting.

This Young People's Christian Association has been a great blessing to us. It has proved the very life-centre of our church. I thank God constantly for putting it into my heart to found it.

II. *The Ladies' Auxiliary Society* has as its duties:

1. To employ Bible readers in the congregation in every form of Christian work, especially demanding the sympathy and cooperation of ladies.

It has a monthly meeting, and systematizes the visitation of all the ladies for annual donations, &c.

III. *The Deacons* divide the cases of sickness, poverty, affliction and distress among its members, supplements the visits of the pastor, the Deacon's fund being drawn upon as the cases may need.

IV. *The Sunday School Teachers* of the four schools (about 150 teachers in all) use the same Bible lesson on Sunday, and on Tuesday evening meet in the Chapel and hear a lecture from the pastor on the lesson for the ensuing Sunday. This lecture he endeavors to adapt to their special wants.

V. *Expository Sermons* are preached every Sunday afternoon in the regular second service of the Lord's Day. I use about twenty verses (according to the natural divisions of the subject) of the historical or narrative portions, and make it a continuous exposition. I began with Exodus 2d (birth of Moses) and am now at David's contest with Goliah. (Psalm 1-17th) It has taken me three years to go thus far. I have no manuscript for these expositions, nor do I prepare any rhetoric for them. They are plain discourses, but I study three days on each exposition, using every help of Hebrew, History, Geography, Archæology, &c., &c., and much prayer. I have a fine map of Palestine (made for me by Ralph Wells) hung up behind my pulpit. These exercises have made my people thinkers. One of them I consider worth a dozen of my set sermons.

VI. *Our Prayer Meeting* (on Friday evening) are conducted by myself and my Elders in rotation. The leader reads, gives out a hymn, and reads the Bible lesson for the evening, and then throws the conduct of the meeting into the hands of the members—bringing the exercises to a close punctually at the appointed time of the hour. I have never known a meeting to drag or lack interest in our church. I suppose we have one hundred persons who can use their gifts in public.

VII. I give a twenty minutes' lecture, (as sharp as I can make it) on Scripture Geography, to our Home Sunday School, on every Sunday afternoon at three o'clock—one hour before the church service, using maps and black board vigorously.

VIII. *Our Sunday School Teachers* are pledged to visit their classes at their houses regularly, in kind and (not social) calls.

MY DEAR BROTHER—These are the items of principal interest. But of course machinery is nothing without the Spirit of God. I have a noble people, full of faith and prayer, and these, under God, is the secret of success. They rebuke me by their zeal. I do not pull them—but they pull me.

Hoping these rough lines, hastily written, may be of service to you, and with best wishes for the success of your work, I am yours, in Christ, HOWARD CROSBY.

The Chairman stated that the time allotted to the discussion of the topic under consideration was passing rapidly, and recommended that the time of each speaker be limited to five instead of ten minutes, which was adopted.

The familiar hymn,

"Am I a soldier of the Cross,"

was then sung, after which the Chairman introduced Rev. W. B. Chidlaw. Mr. Chidlaw said that he wanted the power of the Church prevailing with God to bring us our captains and hosts. There was a power in the Church to compel all the starving, hungry hosts to come up to the sanctuary and hear the word. There was another power in the Church to be developed, he referred to the gift of teaching. The power of the Church lies in the resources which God has given to them who love Christ, and if these resources could be brought out, a barren desert might be made to overflow with the fruits of the gospel.

Rev. Mr. Judd then addressed the Convention. He said he did not wish to make an address, but rather relate his experience. He related a number of anecdotes or incidents, which he said came under his personal observation, showing how much good could be done by individual effort.

The President here announced that he had been informed that a number of persons had their pockets picked. He said he was glad the pick-pockets were present. He hoped they would attend all the meetings; but the delegates had no more money than they distributed, and he hoped they would keep their hands in their own pockets. He then requested some brother to lead in prayer, and also wished him to remember the pick-pockets. His request was complied with.

Rev. Mr. Cummings, of Brownsville, next addressed the Convention.

At the close of Mr. Cummings' remarks, the Chairman announced that the time for closing the discussion had arrived, and it would have to close unless the Convention should otherwise. Several at the time they were studying on the matter, they would have the questions which had been proposed.

The first question propounded to the Chairman read as follows:

First Question—Have the newspapers of Pittsburgh speak daily to 100,000 persons. Is it not a legitimate work of the Young Men's Christian Association to bring special agencies to bear on those who control their columns by prayer and personal efforts, that those fountains of great influence may be beneficial and sanctified to the purpose dedicated to the service of the Redeemer?

Second Question—How shall we induce our young men to seek the Gold Guilness to exercise the gift of prayer?

This question was answered by a delegate in the following address:

Rev. Mr. Burnell, of Milwaukee, Wis., stated that a question had been submitted to him, which read as follows: "Can you tell anything of the effect of street preaching in Wisconsin?"

Mr. Burnell answered the question in a short address, in which he said that it had been very successful.

Mr. Sheply, of Bluffsville, propounded the following to Rev. Mr. Scovil: "Should christians prepare themselves to pray at all the closets in their closets by attending public meetings?"

Mr. Scovil replied that the question was one that deserved a wide range of discussion, and preferred having it referred back to the Convention. He referred the question back to the Convention in the affirmative.

After sing ing the long meter doxology, the benediction was pronounced, and the Convention adjourned until half past seven o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at half-past seven o'clock, and the devotional exercises commenced by singing the 28th hymn,

"All hail the power of Jesus' name."

after which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Speer, of Altoona.

THE DISCOURSE.

The Chairman stated that the time for taking up the topic for discussion had arrived. The question was as follows:

The Church and the World. How shall we ascertain destitution; reach special claims; carry the Gospel to remote neighborhoods; so improve church arrangements as to secure a larger attendance; and overcome the special difficulties arising from the temptations and excitements of city life?

Rev. Mr. Chidlaw opened the discussion, in an able and eloquent speech of twenty minutes. The speaker had been a chaplain in the army, and in the course of his remarks referred to a number of interesting incidents, which occurred under his personal observation. At the close of his remarks, the first verse of the 3d hymn was sung:

"Come thou fount of every blessing."

Rev. A. A. Burdill followed in the discussion. He occupied the full time allotted to him, in an able and eloquent appeal to the citizens of Pittsburgh to go to work in earnest.

At the close of his remarks the Chairman requested that two minutes be spent in silent prayer, at the close of which he offered a most eloquent, audible prayer, and then sung the seventeenth hymn:

"Sweet gales of the river!"

The entire audience joining in the chorus.

The time allotted to the discussion having elapsed, it was about to be brought to a close, when it was announced that Mr. D. M. Moody, of Chicago, was present. The Chairman stated that the time would be extended, and Mr. Moody addressed the Convention. He referred at length to the works of Spencer, of London, and George Muller, of Bristol, and of an Indiana man in Chicago, who he said, had printed and circulated more tracts than the great Tract Society of London.

At the close of Mr. Moody's remarks, the Chairman requested that while the congregation was singing the first verse of the seventh hymn,

"To-day the Saviour calls,"

if there were any persons present who desired to have Brother Moody offer up a prayer for them they would rise to their feet. The hymn was sung, and a number of persons throughout the congregation rose, when Mr. Moody offered a touching prayer in their behalf.

Rev. Sheaff, Superintendent of the Young Men's Christian Association of Cincinnati, next addressed the Convention, relating the workings of that Association in that city.

At the close of Mr. Sheaff's remarks Mr. Scovil read the following proposition:

"I will be one of ten persons who will pay the salary of a minister, to be under the direction and control of the Young Men's Christian Association of this city, whose duty shall be, in connection with the pastors of the different Evangelical churches of our city, to go out into our streets and lanes and preach Jesus and Him crucified."

The above was signed by a responsible man, who requested that his name might be suppressed.

After some little solicitation by the President nine persons in the congregation accepted the proposition, after which the Convention adjourned, with prayer and the benediction, to meet this morning at nine o'clock.

—The Easton *Free Press* says: Last evening an Irishman named Daily attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. The tool was too dull, and failed to end the existence of the son of Erin. He bled very badly, but Squire Lesher being informed of the fact, took care of the man, and saw that he did not bleed to death. Daily has been given too much to drink, and while under the influence of liquor attempted to kill himself. On two previous occasions he threw himself on the track before the locomotive, but the engineer would not allow his train to pass over the poor man's bones, and he agonized himself through life until he sought relief by a razor. He will undoubtedly be sent to jail, or the poor house, for safe keeping.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

—On the 15th inst., Wm. Martin, aged fifty years, fell from the platform of a car on an emigrant train, while passing Dornick Point, near Johnstown. He was badly injured, but will recover.

—A man named Wash. Lewis has been placed in the Holidaysburg jail, on the charge of committing a rape on Mrs. Levina Wilt, of Allegheny township.

—A Mr. Kern, of Wayne Station, Clinton county, was killed a few days ago by the breaking of a derrick with which he was helping to lay stone for a pier for the Lewisburg bridge. His death was instantaneous. He leaves a family. There were two of his sons at work with him at the time of his death.

—The proprietor of the St. Lawrence House, at Upper Cherry Run, was robbed of between $80 and $80 on Wednesday. It seems that he had left his cash locked in the house, with the money in one of the pockets, and while absent from the room some unknown party entered, took the money and made off.

—The new Harrisburg bridge will be finished and open for wagons on Saturday morning next, and in a short time the whole structure will be under roof. The completion of this structure will be a great convenience to the people of that vicinity.

—From the Cadiz (O.) *Republican* we clip P. J. Dirling, a brakeman on a freight train on the P. C. & C. railroad, was killed at the Bowerstown Bridge, Monroe township, in this county, on the night of the 12th inst. His body was not found until the next day. It is supposed he was standing up when the train came to the bridge, his head coming in contact with it, breaking his skull and otherwise injuring him, resulting in his immediate death.

—The Beaver *Argus* has the following particulars of a heart-rending accident: Last Friday morning a sad accident occurred near Darlington, Beaver county, a little son, aged about six years, of Mr. William S. Wallace, while on his way to school in company with his brother, stopped at a neighbor's house for a few minutes. While there the neighbor's son took a gun out of the house to shoot a ground squirrel, and while in the act of crossing a fence the gun was accidentally discharged, and the load passed through the body of Mr. Wallace's little son. He lingered in great pain for a few hours, when death came to his relief. We learn that he was a very promising child, and that the casualty has cast a deep gloom over the entire neighborhood.

—The Reading *Dispatch* says: On Sunday afternoon last Mr. Reuben Heinly, of Earl township, met with a sad accident. He was on a large tree trying to knock down a few chestnut burrs, when the limb upon which he stood broke, and he fell to the ground, a distance of about thirty feet. One of his right ribs was broken, as also was one of his arms above the elbow. His little boy, who was with him when the accident occurred, ran home and gave the alarm when two or three neighbors went to his assistance.

—That live and enterprising journal, the Titusville *Herald*, says an adjourned meeting of the Oil Dealers Exchange was held Tuesday afternoon at the Opera House, Petroleum Center, when the organization was perfected, and it may now be regarded as one of the institutions of that region. Nothing in the element state of the weather, and to a misunderstanding as to what time the meeting would be held, there was not a full attendance. Several new members were then elected, and the Exchange then proceeded to business, where a lively spirited discussion ensued. There are now thirty-four members, and there is no doubt but that this number will be increased to upwards of one hundred within in the next ten days. It is proposed to have the purchase of a suitable building, which to hold meetings as soon as there are sufficient funds in the treasury. The oil business in the vicinity of Petroleum Centre is certainly of sufficient magnitude to support an institution of this character, and it is to be hoped that all parties interested will endeavor to sustain it. Thus far there has been considerable interest manifested in the meetings, and the Exchange has been established on a firm footing, and that, too, without a depressing state of the oil market.

—A story was in circulation in Titusville that a well known oil refiner down the creek had absconded. He was charged with certain frauds upon the Government, and his bondsmen resided in Titusville. The report was generally credited, for the party has hitherto sustained an excellent reputation.

—The Titusville *Herald* of yesterday contained a poem, of considerable merit entitled the "Destruction of Jerusalem," from the pen of J. L. Tracy, Esq.

—Two men named Jones and Irwin, children were born in Randolph township, Crawford county, in one night. That is doubling up the population at a pretty rapid rate.

WHEELING.

—The Wheeling *Intelligencer* says: Captain Keonce, Superintendent of the Ohio River Improvement, yesterday letting at Horsenck, reports his company as putting down a well to try the effect of blasting. He sunk the well about 1,012 feet, and think they have nearly reached the great central reservoir of oil. The well is now over 700 feet in rock, an abandoned well, which had failed to yield oil for a year past, and the recent blasting promises to restore it to its former yield.

—Three old and distinguished citizens of Ohio were stopping at the Grand House, Cincinnati, on Tuesday, viz: Hons. Hon. B. S. Cowan, father of General R. B. Cowan, President of the Ohio State Senate and Committee, Hon. Wm. Lemon, St. Clairsville, and Hon. R. Marsh, of Steubenville. All of them have been prominently before the public in days long gone by, and are now beyond three score and ten.

—Some three persons out of every four, who travel on the Street Railroad in Wheeling, pay the six cent fare. The average return of fares per day is about six hundred. The average receipts are perhaps not far from one hundred and forty dollars. But of sixty-seven horses only one has resulted so far this time.

—Go where you will in Centre Wheeling, you will see evidences of the growth of that portion of the city on every side. Workmen are busy on buildings in every stage of completion, and the close of the year will see a large addition to the number of comfortable dwellings in that locality.

CONNELLSVILLE.

The *Herald* says: For the week ending October 19th, there were received at Connellsville 1,294,000 pounds of coke, 82,000 pounds of nails and spikes, and 10,140 tons of iron ore. Shipped during same period, 5,400,000 pounds iron, 1,271,000 pounds nails and spikes, and 4,850 tons iron ore.

—The spirit of pugilism has infected some members of the colored population of Cleveland, and a match has been made for $500 a side between two prominent men of the race, one of whom is a native, while the other [illegible] is arrived in the city.

Amusements.

THE TRINITY CHURCH CHOIR, which rivals in point of excellence and culture any in the city, or perhaps State, announce a grand vocal concert of secular music at City Hall, on Tuesday next. The programme is varied, embracing the gems of composition from the great German and English masters. Seats may be secured at the music store.

GRAND CONCERTS.—Let it not be forgotten by our musical friends that Miss Caroline McCaffrey, the pleasing and finished vocalist, of Philadelphia, assisted by eminent vocalizers, will give two grand vocal concerts at the Academy of Music on Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week. The ability and talent of Miss McCaffrey is universally admired, and with such able support as Madame Behrens, of Philadelphia, Mr. T. Bonice, one of the best vocalists of America, and Theodore Hagelmann and J. Behrens, equally finished artists, the affair must prove a success. Reserved seats may be secured without extra charge at C. C. Mellor's, 84 Wood street.

NEW OPERA HOUSE.—To-night, fourth appearance of the great natural comedian, Mr. S. S. Chanfrau, in the comedy drama of "Sam," supported by the entire stock company.

TRIMBLE'S VARIETIES THEATRE.—An excellent bill to-night, as will be perceived by referring to the advertisement.

DAN RICE'S great show is coming. It will spread its tent next Thursday on Reed, Lion lot, when all will be afforded an opportunity of seeing for the last time in the ring America's favorite clown, Dan Rice.

General Conference Proceedings.

WEDNESDAY—TWELFTH DAY

Bishop Esher in the chair. The session opened by prayer by Rev. J. Stull, of the Ohio Conference.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. The election of general officers was continued and resulted in the election of Rev. S. Neitz, of the East Pennsylvania Conference as General Book Steward, Rev. R. Dabs, of the Iowa Conference, Editor of the Church Beobachter, and the re-election of Rev. T. G. Clewell for the Evangelical Messenger. The afternoon session closed by prayer by Rev. A. Stoddmeir, of Iowa Conference.

The afternoon session opened by prayer by Rev. J. Snyder, of the Illinois Conference. Bishop Esher in the chair. Rev. S. R. Domer, Principal of the Lutheran Female Seminary at Selins Grove, Pa., was introduced to the Conference. The Conference proceeded with the elections, which resulted as follows: Rev. H. Yenkel re-elected Editor of our S. S. literature, Rev. W. Lost re-elected Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society. The following brethren were elected members of the Board of Publication, viz: Bishop Esher, Rev. J. P. Sch, of East Pennsylvania Conference, Rev. J. G. Zinser, of Ohio, Rev. M. Lawer, of New York, Rev. M. Steffy, of Indiana, Rev. H. Huolster, of Wisconsin, and Rev. B. J. Bowmen, of Iowa. Closed by prayer by Rev. H. Linse, of Minnesota.

Then and Now—The Us-Recalled.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—In answer to the allegations contained in Mr. Cochran's late card, in which he states that the letter given us was under wrong impressions of our school, and that he had privately recalled the same, we beg leave to make the following statement of the manner in which it was obtained, and also some circumstances connected with Mr. Cochran's recalling tendencies:

Some time since, unbidden, unsolicited, and very unexpectedly, a gentleman whom we had not been in the habit of meeting upon the street for several years, but who, for some cause unknown to us, persistently refused to notice or speak to us, called at our office one evening, and, after introducing himself as Mr. C. C. Cochran, late a teacher in Duff's College, said that he had called to the purpose of making an explanation of his mysterious conduct, and apologizing for his seemingly want of courtesy, which he did, by stating that such was the nature of his late engagement that he had been detected by his employer, or by any of his family, as holding intercourse with, or in anywise recognizing any one connected with the Iron City College, his position would have been forfeited and he discharged. But that, inasmuch as he had been able to secure employment elsewhere, he had resolved to submit to this degradation no longer, was determined to assert his manhood, and had thrown up his situation as teacher in said school. He therefore hoped, he said, that we would overlook his past offences and consider and treat him as, *a man*, inasmuch as he had hitherto acted not from choice but from restraint, his employer imposing this as one of the conditions upon which his services were to be retained. Accepting his explanation and apology as satisfactory, he expressed himself extremely gratified, and thereafter became not only a frequent visitor at the Iron City College, but professedly one of its warmest and most devoted friends; so much so that we were repeatedly urged to refer persons desiring information concerning the different courses to him. And, as a further evidence of the genuineness of his repentance and the sincerity of his friendship, he kindly furnished us with the Card which he now says he *privately* (?) recalled.

In answer to this we would state that the only intimation, either public or private, we ever had of Mr. C.'s *change* of opinion was that suggested by his late recommendation with the Card which he had so bitterly accused of tyrannizing over his liberties and degrading his manhood. And, in conclusion, we would say and see whether he had again sold himself to his former alleged oppressor, we intend to publish his card, which *never* before had appeared in the newspapers. The result is, however, that those who have never been complete, if he is satisfied, we have no reason to complain.

That Mr. C. is prevailing on to change his opinions and reverse his decisions, is most conclusively shown in the fact of his being, while in the employ of the speculable business house in this city, and after leaving the school whose principal he characterized as a "tyrant" and despicable of men, entered into not less than *four* separate engagements with the proprietors of many different business colleges, as teacher, in three of which, at the time of his connection with the school he characterized as one of the most