

## The Pittsburgh Gazette.

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CHRISTUS SYLVE.

BY F. D. FLINTON.

The lizard and the water-snake,  
All things that haunt in torn and brack.  
The gnat through rattling reeds and dags.  
The wind, grow heavy as with death,  
To the earth, great spume of cedar,  
Sworn whereof brings the river's edge,  
Stained with the stain of brulied grass.  
Dreadful scenes of death and misery,  
Have scorched with fire and steeped with tears.  
Broad fate there is left and right;  
No light of sun or moon,  
Where fear the startled foot makes light  
From tangled undergrowth uprise,  
Till the dead breathes like smoke,  
Mim pendul'ous, like a wavy star,  
The gossamer-syanoons,  
Have stung the green cows,  
Hooch the long night the hooded owl.

II.

Dawn strangely to this solitude,  
Dawn with a hoar frost upon wood,  
Painter and sculptor, he had wrought  
In his art, his hand had brought  
Whereof the massy limb gave birth,  
The rude who stared and round him pressed,  
What lands would latest harvest yield;  
The painter's dream, the sculptor's thought,  
When he passed him by.  
Careless of good report or ill,  
He wrought with hands of patient skill  
In his art, his hand had brought  
A tale of most wonderful.  
Heaven opened wide its pearly gate,  
One to wound our sinful pride,  
One to bring us to the gates of life,  
One to paint upon his canvas shore,  
One face in wood and stone,  
With a hand that could not move,  
And suffering the heart to move;  
The sooty smoke of gracious art,  
The burden of whose load he laid there,  
And men, who thought to mock and leer,  
And the artist, who had seen it bear.

But he, the artist, was as one,  
In a laugher not his own,  
Strives to make clear the laboring sense:  
The artist, under the sun,  
Voices that seem from nature land,  
And art under the sun,  
To seek the truth through the keys,  
The burden of these melodies;  
To shape the image of his brain,  
"Unsatisfied," he cried,  
And in great morn's underwood,  
Wandered him to the shade.

III.

"Lord Christ!" he braved, hand smiting hand,  
In the dread shadow of the land,  
As if he were a man,  
Who waited at the sepulcher,  
The darkness of the tomb,  
And out of darkness bring the light.  
Make clear my inward sense of these,  
The secret of the soul, the secret of the heart,  
Trace shining through a cloud of pain,  
Pain, that I have not known,  
Forgiveness concerning sense of wrong,  
And pity for a scolding throng,  
To the secret of the soul, the trace,  
The features of no mortal face,  
The presence of a God is fair!  
The presence of a God is fair!

And still be prayed: "Lord, thou art here  
Earth, air, water, sun, and moon,  
Thou love the wo-burdened; note confess;  
So will I leave my thought of These,  
And fashion from the living tree,  
In the garden of the world,  
Overlooking all the lonely land,  
"Behold, our Father dwelleth here."

IV.

So said. From out fair ranks of trees  
He came, and through the woods,  
One whose green top the morning sun  
Was first to look upon,  
The forest, as he stood, it stood,  
Bare as when winters scourge the wood,  
Or when the winds of winter are  
Out on the waste of waste.  
This man whom no man understood,  
And through the silence of the air,  
A voice from the depths of the wood,  
"Behold, our Father dwelleth here."

V.

When Death make silver every sand,  
And seal the trumpet of the bones,  
Two hunters, wandering through the wood,  
Saw him, and when they saw him,  
From at the carved tree's gnarled base,  
Came out the wind in keen desire.  
This man whom no man understood,  
And through the silence of the air,  
A voice from the depths of the wood,  
"Behold, our Father dwelleth here."

VI.

RELIgIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

It is rather amusing to one acquainted with the polity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to read the views of some secular journals, on lay representation, the vote on which is to be taken in June next. An exchange represents that the question of the "reconstruction of Methodism" by the admission of lay delegates in the Conferences, has been agitated one hundred years with a gradually home interest in its favor." Rather long to worry over a question of right, at least, awarded to the laymen of other respectable religious bodies. We are reminded of this subject by reading the generous action of the Philadelphia Conference on this question, in striking contrast to the conservative course of the Pittsburgh Conference, at its late session. The action of the Conference at the other end of our State, in brief, heartily approves of the action of the General Conference, enjoin pastors to assist in securing a full vote, urges the sisters to vote, and finally in the fifth resolution says: That we venture to express the hope that the proposed plan will so far secure the sanction of our lay and ministry as to authorize the next General Conference to incorporate it as a part of the economy of the Church. This body of ministers did not regard it a delicate thing to express in advance of the vote, their wish that it would be favorable to the change desired. We venture to suggest again, that the laymen of this Church in this community meet and adopt some uniform action in order to secure a full vote. It has been suggested that each church have what is familiarly known as a "church sociable," to attract a full attendance and relieve the business-like look that such occasions often have, especially to females. We are in favor of the fullest liberty of "woman's rights" on this question, not only among the Methodists, but among all denominations.

Last week the Presbyterian Union question assumed a new role. A Committee of Conference of the Old School, New School, and United Presbyterian Churches, was held in Philadelphia to agree upon a Basis of Union. There were present from the Old School Drs. Musgrave and McMillin, and Hon. R. McKnight, of Pittsburgh; New School, Dr. Humphrey; United, Drs. J. T. Preddy, D. R. Kerr, of Pittsburgh, and Davidson. Dr. Fisher (N. S.) was detained at home by sickness. We are informed the basis agreed upon is in accordance with the Philadelphia Convention, with slight modifications. In adopting the "Westminster Confession," the article pertaining to the Civil Magistrate, is ex-

cepted, and the Larger and Shorter Catechisms are added. The article on Paulmody is changed somewhat. (1.) It is declared that God has given the Psalms of David to be sung in all ages of the Church, and it is recommended that a new and modern version be prepared. (2.) If any Church prefers to use the present versions of the Psalms of David, its right to do so shall not be challenged. The Banner, from which we learn this information, says, that we suppose in reference to the Psalmody matter, that the proposition is that whilst the new version shall be the approved and authorized Psalmody of the United Church, yet the use of the old version or evangelical hymns shall be permitted.

The Independent represents that there is a "Crazy Club" in Brooklyn. It has no constitution or by-laws, but has regular meetings. The member who holds the meeting invites fourteen persons who must be all "crazy" on the matter of Sunday Schools. No other topic is to be spoken of, and its introduction would be immediately disconcerted.

The Philadelphia Preachers' Meeting of the M. E. Church are discussing the following question: "Is any bankrupt who has been released from legal obligation to pay his debts, thereby released from moral obligations to pay them should he ever become able?"

The Presbyterian church at Monongahela City has received a number of persons recently into church fellowship on examination; twenty-four additions in all during the past year.

Efforts are being made to found a Sunday School Scholarship in the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of the Northwest. The scholarship is to be twenty-five hundred dollars, the interest of which is to be used in aiding a continuous succession of worthy young men in preparing for the ministry. Twenty-five cents and upwards are received towards the object.

The National Sabbath School Convention is to open its session at Newark, New Jersey, on the twenty-eighth of April. Mr. George H. Stuart, of Philadelphia, is proposed as Chairman, and Rev. Edward Eggleston, of Chicago, as Secretary. It will be a grand affair. We hope our city will be well represented in the Convention.

A home for aged and infirm Baptists is about to be established in one of the Eastern cities. Recently fifty thousand dollars was secured in New York.

The New York Tribune very sensibly remarks in regard to the opening of public libraries on the Sabbath, that the largest liberty is already allowed to those who desire to borrow books, which are loaned without money and without price; who ever desires to borrow a book on Saturday for the purpose of reading it upon Sunday, can do, and further than this we can not think it desirable to go, unless provision is also made for closing the libraries upon a secular day in order that those who are employed in them may have proper rest. Persons too lazy to get a book on Saturday would like to lounge on Sunday in a library.

After Confirmation had been gone through with by Bishop Quintard, at Memphis, Tennessee, recently, a colored man presented himself for confirmation. The Bishop remarked this person, through a misunderstanding only, failed to come forward with those who first presented themselves. The Church of Christ, he said, knows no distinction among her members in her privileges. The differences which maintain in society cannot be recognized in the house of God.

The American Bible Society has received from all sources, during the past year ending April 1st, seven hundred and thirty-one thousand dollars—never exceeded by any previous year except one. The impression has heretofore prevailed that the usual May anniversary exercises would not be held this year, but an exchange states that the Society is making arrangements for an anniversary of great interest.

Trinity church, (Episcopal,) New York, has a yearly income from rents and investments of eight hundred thousand dollars.

The Elders in the Christian church, in Lexington, Ky., have taken decided grounds against whisky and whisky makers, and have determined not to allow members of their church to manufacture or sell it exclusively, in large or small quantities.

This season is unusually backward in the New England States. In the southern part of New Hampshire, not more than forty miles north of Boston, the fields are mostly covered with snow, and the farmers say they have never known a spring when the snow melted so slowly. In the vicinity of Danbury, Conn., snow four feet on a level, and in some places six feet were still feet deep. It will be some time yet before anything can be done about the agricultural work in the northern and central parts of New England. In Connecticut there has been but little snow during the whole winter, and the farmers near New Haven have commenced plowing their fields for sowing and planting. As far south as Maryland, however, are complaining of a late spring, and early vegetables and fruits are not as far as usual at this time of the year.

Fairfield School of Mines is now receiving among its students a large number of young men from the United States. The first student from this country entered in 1819, and was Wm. H. Keating, of Philadelphia. Prof. Mitchell, a native of Scotland, was appointed a Gold medal from the King of Denmark. Prof. Mitchell was a member of the Society of Friends. His remains were taken to Nantucket for burial.

AN INDEX to Canadian opinion appears

in the Canadian from the St. John (N. B.) Freeman. It is worse than useless to attempt to conceal the fact that the desire for annexation is spreading.

I take pleasure in recommending the above article.

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