

Banner and Advocate.

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WHEN THE BANNER is advanced or in Ohio... THE BANNER is advanced or in Ohio... THE BANNER is advanced or in Ohio...

The North Carolina Presbyterian. The Executive Committee for conducting this journal, have appointed Rev. John M. Sherwood, of Washington, North Carolina, an associate editor.

A Change Abroad. Peter Bayne, who succeeded Hugh Miller in the editorial chair of that able paper, the Edinburgh Witness, has been selected as the editor of the new London daily, the Dial.

Depose of an Aged Clergyman. Rev. John Finley Crowe, died at Hanover, Ind., on Tuesday, January 17th, aged seventy-three years. His disease was ossification of the heart.

Merceburg Review. The January number contains: I. Sketches of a Traveler from Greece, Constantinople, Asia Minor, Syria, and Palestine; II. Churches; III. The Church and Charitable Institutions; IV. The Festival of Adams; V. The American Student in Germany; VI. Synodical Church Authority; VII. Cantata Domino; VIII. Recent Publications.

Presbyterian Quarterly Review. This work is regarded as the organ of New School Presbyterians. It exhibits the theological peculiarities of the body. No one who regards unity of sentiment as a requisite to Eclectic unity, can read it regularly, without being convinced that the Old and New School should continue still as distinct religious organizations.

Rev. D. H. Riddle, D.D. Many of our readers will delight to hear occasionally from this good brother, who was, for many years, pastor of the Third Presbyterian church in this city. He removed hence to Jersey city, where he is comfortably settled in the First Reformed Dutch church. We have before us his Thanksgiving Sermon, for the last year. It is founded on Esther iv: 14, and is entitled "For Such a Time as This."

The prospher takes occasion to speak of the United States as a nation designed for a special service for the Lord of Hosts. She was planted and reared by peculiar providences. She is highly favored, and adapted to the accomplishing of great ends for mankind. She is greatly needed on the earth, for promoting freedom and the Gospel. There are painful indications of danger, just now, to her own stability and to the continuance of her powers for usefulness. It should be the ardent prayer and earnest effort of all Christians, that she may be preserved: Thankfulness for what she is and enjoys; will be shown in preserving her elevated station, and using her high powers for doing good.

Library Association, Pittsburgh. This is one of our useful institutions. It deserves the liberal support of the wealthy. Membership should be sought by rich and poor, especially by those who have not the means to procure large collections of books, nor a fixed home where to deposit and arrange this species of treasure. From the Report of Felix R. Brant, Esq., President, we select a few items. The whole number of books on the shelves is 3,881. Of these there were received during the last year, by purchase, 189 volumes, and by donation 158 volumes.

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According to the Word of God and the Presbyterian Standards, "Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only by the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone." The righteousness of Christ, is the formal ground of justification. This is imputed to us, that is, "reckoned" to us, set to our account. This is the act of God; his free and gracious act. There is, on our part, but a receiving. We receive what is tendered. We are thus prepared: Being regenerated, we "receive Christ; that is, we believe in him; accept of him; take him to be our Saviour as he is offered. This done, we stand accepted before God; we are justified."

The impetration of Christ's righteousness to us is then an indispensable. We cannot be accepted and saved without it. Correct teaching is here of vast importance. For their teaching impatience; Presbyterians have been exceedingly malign. But this has been done very unjustly. They but teach a doctrine of Scripture. "His faith is counted for righteousness." "The righteousness of the man unto whom God imputeth his righteousness." "The righteousness of Abraham, for righteousness." "That righteousness might be imputed to them also."—See Rom. iv: 3-11.

And this doctrine is so eminently Scriptural, that theological polemics can get past it only with great difficulty. Those who reason on the principles of a human philosophy may rail, and do rail; but men of Evangelical principles—men who really desire to be guided in their belief by the Word of God—find "imputation" in the Scriptures, and transfer it to their writings. So Wesley, the father of Methodism, seems delighted to say: "The first thing which admits of no dispute among reasonable men, is this. To all believers the righteousness of Christ is imputed; to unbelievers it is not. But when is it imputed? When they believe. In that very hour the righteousness of Christ is theirs. It is imputed to every one that believes as soon as he believes." And Methodists still, that is, those of them who are willing to be taught of God, and to teach as the Holy Ghost teaches, lead men to Jesus, and urge them to receive him "for righteousness," that they may stand accepted and be adjudged to eternal life.

The First Danger. In these times of National fear, anxiety, and planning for the arresting of evil, it would be well to know where the great danger to our country is seated. The knowledge of the location and character of a disease, is one of the most important prerequisites to a cure. Union Savers would then do well to read a sermon preached by Rev. Henry Steele Clark, D. D., of Philadelphia, before the General Assembly, in Indianapolis, in May, 1859. The sermon was prepared for the Board of Domestic Missions, by appointment of the Assembly, and is now published by the Board. We heard it with interest, and have now read it with increased pleasure and profit. The discourse is founded on Hosea iv: 6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." The people of Israel were in great danger; were very near to destruction. They were sinners exceedingly. But their sins were committed from lack of knowledge; and were persevered in from lack of knowledge. They had the means of knowledge in rich abundance; but they did not learn; they would not receive instruction; they did not wisely receive the Word; did not apply faith.

This is eminently the condition of the people of this country. There are many dangers, but especially, just now, the danger of a national rebellion, and of consequent civil war. The causes of the evil are being investigated, and there are ominous and reprobations. These but tend to hasten the catastrophe. There is a lack of knowledge, and it tends to national destruction. Remedies are proposed, in the way of divisions, interferences of trade, compromises, new political parties, but all tend rather to inflame than to extinguish party strife. Knowledge is wanted.

Political animosities and partisanship are great evils; so also are sectional jealousies; so also is the tendency to mobs and violence; so also is the progress of Romanism in our land; but the great and the first danger is the Skerism. The irreligion in our land, the indifference to the honor of God, to personal religion, to Gospel principles in our literature, in trade, in politics, and in all our public and social affairs; is the evil which is the parent of evil, and is hurrying the nation toward destruction.

The danger being discovered, let wise and good men remove it. Let the nation be truly Christian, and Jehovah will be our Friend.

Young Men's Christian Association of Pittsburgh. The Sixth Anniversary of this Association was held on last Monday evening, in the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Mr. Paxton's. The church was well filled, a larger than usual being attracted, from the fact that it had been reported that the speakers would be Rev. Kingston Goddard, and Rev. George C. Robinson, of Cincinnati, and Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, and George H. Stuart, Esq., of Philadelphia. But the first three were not present, owing to various reasons: Wm. H. Kincaid, Esq., presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Kendall, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church. The Annual Report was read by W. W. Mair, Esq., of which we give the following summary:

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labeled from house to house, praying with the sick, and encouraging all to walk in the paths of virtue. Five hundred families were visited, and some were only abandoned because to some it seemed better to go elsewhere than to those contemplated in the idea of the Association. The report stated that the various committees had labored during the year, with more or less success. Forty-one active, eleven associate, and four hundred and thirty-one added during the year. The membership consists of one hundred and fifty-seven active, ninety-one associate, and twenty-three hundred and thirty-one, three hundred and seventy-one in all.

The first address was made by Mr. Bliss, of Philadelphia, but now a student of the Western Theological Seminary, who spoke of the end and object of the Christian Association. The speaker attributed to the instrumentality of the Young Men's Christian Association of New York, his own conversion to God, and the fact that he was then speaking to the people in behalf of Jesus. Mr. Bliss spoke with energy and force, and made a good impression on the audience.

The next speaker was George H. Stuart, Esq., the well known philanthropist, and President of the Young Men's Christian Association of Philadelphia. Mr. Stuart, as in every thing he does, spoke with great earnestness, with his whole heart and soul. He gave a detailed account of the origin and development of some of the leading Christian Associations in the world. The first was begun in an immense warehouse in London, opposite St. Paul's, in 1844, and two hundred clerks employed in that establishment. The Young Men's Christian Union of Cincinnati, was formed in 1848. The Association at Montreal, Canada, was organized in 1851, and the Association at Pittsburgh in 1854. The speaker then dwelt at length upon the formation and workings of the Philadelphia Association. During last year, this Association received four hundred and sixty-eight new members; the rooms have been visited by over twenty thousand young men; situations have been found in mercantile houses for two hundred and eighty-seven young men; thirteen thousand copies of the Pentecost tract have been circulated; four hundred and twenty meetings were held during the summer, in the Union Tent; \$20,000 of \$100,000 necessary to secure a suitable edifice for the Association, have been raised; one hundred and twenty-six sermons have been preached; under the auspices of the Association, by ninety-three ministers, connected with sixteen different denominations. A prayer meeting in French is held every Sabbath morning; there is also a prayer meeting for medical students; a "Knobber" prayer meeting held by a number of persons, formerly members of a club of card players. Altogether, the address of Mr. Stuart was a very happy one, and his earnestness made a deep impression on the audience.

We are reluctant to utter a word which looks like "Bedlamism." And yet there are events in progress, in which Zion is deeply interested, of which the people should not be ignorant, and which cannot be communicated without noting localities. It also seems that great affairs, which deeply affect social interests, and hence affect the condition and progress of religion, should not be left entirely to irreligious, or merely secular newspapers. Discussions of national questions we have not, as yet, editorially indulged in. But some items of news we feel bound to give.

The North Carolina Presbyterian, under the above heading, speaks as follows: "While a diversity of views concerning the moral and political relations of slavery exists at the North, and is patent to the most careless observer, there is a unity of sentiment and feeling, but the most hopeful, as it is, extraordinary. Though the Southern mind is divided on every other subject, social, moral, and political, on slavery it is a unit. That slaveholding is both right and righteous, justifiable in the sight of man and God; that the relation of master and slave is neither sinful nor unnatural; that the system was designed for good, and has resulted in untold and incalculable blessings to the negro race; and that it is the duty of our people to pass and execute laws for the protection of their property, the maintenance of their just rights, and the punishment of intermeddlers and incendiaries; on all these points, there is no division of opinion in the South.

"Our citizens are prepared, as with the heart and hand of one man, to assert and defend these principles in the halls of legislation, at the polls, and in the streets, by, against invaders of their homes. They do not ask or expect their brethren at the North to be pro-slavery, to introduce the system where it is already established by law. They merely insist that they should be left alone to live in peace and security. The contest in November will decide the issue. If the decision is unfavorable, and the worst comes to the worst, the North will be united against itself, while the South will be divided host in the midst of its rights and glory. May God, in his mercy and wisdom, direct the counsels of those who are urging forward the 'irrepressible conflict,' and decide the issue in favor of the Union."

We trust it will yet appear, that the Editor of the North Carolina Presbyterian, has penned these words, in a spirit of candor and fairness, and that he has not been misled by the fact that it had been reported that the speakers would be Rev. Kingston Goddard, and Rev. George C. Robinson, of Cincinnati, and Rev. J. Hyatt Smith, and George H. Stuart, Esq., of Philadelphia. But the first three were not present, owing to various reasons: Wm. H. Kincaid, Esq., presided. Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Kendall, pastor of the First Evangelical Lutheran church. The Annual Report was read by W. W. Mair, Esq., of which we give the following summary:

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know, in writing the work; making any additional quotations from prominent Arminian writers to sustain his positions, and otherwise extending the argument to render it more complete. For these purposes, he has the advantage to be derived from a formal review of the book in the Methodist Magazine, issued in New York. He also proposes to embody in his work a careful review of the latest assault upon our doctrine, entitled "Objections to Calvinism." This book is an "Introduction," written by Bishop Simpson, of this city, and is highly eulogized by that gentleman, as "of great merit," "strictly logical," "well-arranged," and "very valuable." This circumstance, and the further fact that it is "published for the Methodist Episcopal Church," give it an importance which it would not otherwise possess. The author, therefore, proposes to bestow upon these "Objections" no much attention as seems to be demanded by such high Episcopal endorsement. He hopes to send his work to press not later than the month of March.

Young Men's Bible Society, Allegheny. The Twentieth Anniversary of this benevolent enterprise, was held last week. Dr. Trevelyan read the Scriptures; Dr. Swift led in prayer; Mr. S. S. Bryan, Secretary, and W. M. Bell, Esq., Treasurer, presented reports; Rev. D. G. Bradford made the principal address. All the Evangelical churches in Allegheny city and Manchester, are represented in the Board of Managers. Bibles distributed—donated, 418; sold, 246; total, 664. The Treasurer reported—amount of donations, \$628.23; balance on hand, \$92.61.

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Haven Clock Company. The Company began to make castings in 1857. When it was thought to be a wonderful fact that seventy-five thousand castings were made in the year 1889. The year just ended, this Company turned out no less than one hundred and fifty thousand complete clocks, and one hundred and seventy thousand finished movements.

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Resolved, That these proceedings be published in the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate, and Boston-Courier, and other papers, Chairmen.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. Ladies' Bible Society. Messrs. Editors:—I write to request the correction of a mistake made in your notice of the annual meeting of the Ladies' Bible Society, of Pittsburgh and vicinity.

In your notice you represent the receipts as being less than the expenses. The labor of this Society are voluntary and gratuitous, so that the expenses are nothing. All the money received, \$387.49, except three dollars for a Bible presented to the Mercantile Library Association, has been paid to the Pennsylvania Bible Society; and the Managers only regret that the sum was less than usual. This Society has been in operation more than thirty years, and has never been absorbed by younger and larger Associations. But it is thought expedient and appropriate, that it should still exist as a separate and distinct society with kindred Associations. I think it is important that this correction should be made, when the expenses of benevolent Associations are so closely connected with their success.

[As the report came to us, our figures were correct. The expenditures, as we understood the matter, were not for services rendered, but for books bought. If that were so, there was no mistake. The explanation, however, is appropriate.—Ed.]

MISCELLANEOUS. RAILROADS IN THE UNITED STATES.—The first railroad constructed in the United States, was at Quincy, Mass., connecting the granite quarries with the water. It was about one mile in length. The Baltimore and the Ohio was the first passenger railroad. It was opened in 1828, a distance of fifteen miles, and was run in order of time came the Mohawk and Hudson, from Albany to Schenectady, sixteen miles, opened for travel also with horse power, in the year 1831. The Erie and Westchester, in this country was on that road, in 1831. locomotives were in operation on North Carolina and Virginia roads in 1832.

AREA AND POPULATION OF THE BRITISH PROVINCES.—The two Canadas have an area of 250,000 square miles, with a population of over 4,000,000. The British Isles have a population of 22,000,000. Nova Scotia 18,748 square miles, with a population of 300,000. Prince Edward Island 2,134 square miles, with a population of 62,890. New Brunswick 67,000 square miles, with a population of 120,000. Total area of 653,446 square miles, and an aggregate population of 5,000,000.

BUILDING IN CHICAGO.—The Chicago Herald states that the whole number of buildings erected in that city, during the past year, is sixteen hundred and eighty-two, at a cost of nearly seven millions of dollars.

PERIODICALS.—The celebrated astronomer, Roche, in a recent account of the comet, which bears his name, designated the following eight comets as permanent, and the others as temporary. Halle's in seventy-six years; Tuttle's in thirteen years; Biela's in seven and a half years; D'Arrest's in six and a half years; Brocchi's in five and a half years; Winnecke's in five years; and Biela's in three and a half years. All of these comets, except Halle's and Tuttle's, will re-appear again within the next six years.—Boston Herald.

POLITICS OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE UNITED STATES.—The Governors of the States of the Union, including the Governor elect of Kansas, are sixteen Democrats, and two Republicans; and two in Texas and Maryland, Americans. The Democratic Governors are in thirteen slaveholding States, and three free States. The Republicans are all in free States. The Governors of the States of New Orleans for eleven months of the year 1859, were \$17,000,000; against \$16,700,000 for the corresponding period of 1858. The exports for eleven months last year \$38,250,000; against \$30,750,000 for 1858.

There are in the United States forty-eight Roman Catholic Bishops, and two thousand two hundred and twenty-three secular and religious priests. BISHOP'S CONGRESS OF 1860.—The total number of votes cast in the election of 1860, was 7,900,000. The votes cast for Lincoln were 2,800,000; for Fremont 1,100,000; for Fremont 1,100,000; for Fremont 1,100,000; for Fremont 1,100,000.