

dence of being actuated by lower motives than those of patriotism;—what if I say—of spite, prejudice, jealousy, and a tyrannous temper.

As to the great man I am “poking sticks at”; we see the abominable generosity which runs to seed in blind charity for disappropiating traitors, coordinated with a general coolness toward the better portion of mankind.

POLARIS.

(Correspondence of the Agitator.)

WILLIAMSPORT, Nov. 12, 1871.

Editor, *Agitator*:—On occasion of a visit to Harrisburg last week as a delegate to the primary convention, what is now—the diocese of central Pennsylvania, I enjoyed the pleasure of attending to an address, or sermon, from the Lord Bishop of Litchfield, England; and one day from the Dean of Chester. Both discourses were earnest, able and exceedingly practical; but as literary efforts, as specimens of elegance and eloquence, they could not be said to rank with those of Bishop Stevens, and, indeed, of very many American divines whom I have heard.—Every one who heard them could not be impressed with the earnestness and fervent piety manifested in their discourses, and at the same time with their manifest inferiority, as speakers, to that class of American clergymen.

In hearing them, this one question came forcibly to my mind—Do not our American preachers often labor more to be reputed eloquent sermonizers, than to convey the understanding and convert the heads of their hearers? If these English divines fair specimens of the English clergy, then it is very apparent that while they are inferior to the former, as to the latter they are certainly not behind, if not superior to our own clergymen.

It is a good thing to combine eloquence with piety earnestness; but it is in the pulpit they are to be separated, commend to me the latter rather than the former.

I have never before been so much impressed with the ability, pluck and eloquence of Bishop Stevens as at this convention, over which he presided.—He soon got as Bishop of the diocese of Philadelphia, Chester, Bucks, Montgomery and Delaware; while Dr. Howe, who was elected at this convention, is Bishop of the new diocese of Central Pennsylvania, which embraces the remaining counties of the State east of the mountains.

It may be of some interest to some of your readers to know that Dr. Howe, though a strict churchman, does not belong to the extreme high church party, and has no leaning towards Romanism.

While upon religious matters, permit me to speak of the enterprise of the Mulberry street Methodist church in this city. A few years ago they built a beautiful and costly church. In 1868 it was destroyed by fire. They immediately went to work and built a better one. In the great fire of August last this was destroyed, and now they are building on the same spot another new church, more beautiful and costly than either of the others, intended to be the finest church in the city. The walls of this are already up, and it is intended to be ready for occupancy in a very short time.

The Wellsboro Methodists showed great enterprise in the erection of their beautiful church, but the Mulberry street Methodist Church is at least one church ahead of them in the way of enterprise. The Methodists are an enterprising people. Can’t the Baptists and Episcopalians of Wellsboro catch some of that spirit of enterprise in the way of church building?

The people of Williamsport are decidedly a church-going people. According to the best information I can obtain, and from my own observation, I judge that in this city twenty-five percent more of the population attend church on Sunday than in Wellsboro.

They have twenty-seven regularly setted pastorates, and twenty-nine churches, to wit, three Episcopal, eight Methodist, four Presbyterian, two Roman, two Evangelical, five Baptist, one German Reformed, and two Lutheran, one Congregationalist, and a Jewish synagogue. Two of the Methodist are African churches, and one of the Roman one of the Evangelical, and one of the Baptist, are German. I wonder if it would not have a moralizing effect on your colored brethren in Wellsboro, to build an African church there.

Perhaps the multiplicity of churches is what makes the difference in church-going, or is it the church-going propensity that multiplies the churches?

I have devoted so much of my letter to religious matters, that I have no room for temporities. Religion first, the world afterwards.

In my next I will tell you something about the Catawissa railroad, which has just gained another victory over the Pennsylvania Central. Yours truly,

J. E.

POLITICAL MONUMENT.

The elections of 1871 being completed, we erect the following monument from the results, which small bid for the Democracy to overcome in 1872:

THE REPUBLICAN COLUMN.

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WYOMING

COLORADO

ILLINOIS

MISSISSIPPI

CALIFORNIA

CONNECTICUT

WISCONSIN

PENNSYLVANIA

NORTH CAROLINA

MASSACHUSETTS

NEW YORK

THE DEMOCRATIC COLUMN.

TEXAS

VIRGINIA

NEW JERSEY

MARYLAND

TERRIBLE STORM.

A terrible storm is reported to have passed over Hudson county, N. J., on the 16th instant. Its ravages throughout the county are said to have been fearful. The damage to buildings and other property is estimated at \$100,000. Trees and fence posts blown down, and other valuable property wrecked. The car buildings belonging to the North Hudson railway company were demolished. Loss estimated at \$20,000.

In New York city the tide was higher than ever known before. Great damage was done along the water front by the flooding of the cellars and basements.

The storm was severely felt at Boston, and considerable damage sustained; also at Portsmouth and Concord, N. H., and at Cleveland, Ohio.

John George Taylor, President Judge of the 24th judicial district, died at his residence in Huntingdon on the morning of the 14th instant, of paralysis.

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CIRCULATION.....1,900.

P. T. VAN GELDER, editor and proprietor.

Well-known, etc.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1871.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business on the 1st inst., were as follows: Cash, \$90,317.08; currency, \$7,539,552; coin certificates, \$18,744,900.

China and Japan have been visited by heavy rains. Within the last ten days, the water to and fro have been higher than ever known before. 20,000 square miles of territory was inundated, and 1,000 people drowned.

The Executive Committee will meet on the 11th of January next, to decide upon the place of holding the next National Republican Convention. It will probably be held in New York City or Cincinnati.

The committee appointed to investigate the alleged election frauds in the city of Brooklyn, have made startling discoveries.

The testimony will not be made public until action against the guilty parties is taken. A policeman is said to have thrown away a handful of tickets, to defeat the Republican candidates. He was a son of a vice-admiral.

At a meeting of the Cabinet in Washington on the 14th instant, an interchange of views was had in regard to selecting a proper person for appointment as counsel of the United States Government before the Geneva Commission for the settlement of the Alama claims, in place of T. R. Curtis, who has declined the appointment.

Hon. Wm. M. Evarts says, that bills to be prepared by the Committee of Seventy for abolishing all the offices now held by Tammany or corrupt men in New York and Brooklyn, and including the judiciary down to the police. The majority in the legislature is ample to pass a bill desired, and they propose to make a clean sweep of all the old regime.

XIX. CONGRESS.

On Monday the 10th of December, the 41st Congress will convene at Washington. The committee on reconstruction and the revenue have been busily engaged preparing their reports, so as to be able to submit them at an early date. It is quite probable that both houses will report a large quorum at roll call on the opening of the session. There is a large amount of important business to be disposed of, and the people are looking forward with much anxiety for the result.

Not long since a conductor on the N. York Central railroad attempted to prevent Frederick Douglass from occupying the seat in a certain car which he had engaged and paid for. Was he elected? Oh, no; he appreciated the rights of others, and generally stand upon his own; though he does not provoke rows, neither is he inclined by them. Is he honest? Is he faithful? That is, will he be true to his pledges? Is he capable? An honest man of moderate attainments is to be preferred to a shaggy man of the most brilliant attainments. A true man, who barely can write his name, is to be preferred to a selfish, intriguing, dishonest man, whose chirography is faultless, and who can, under various languages, Confess that he would never have complimented Israel Putnam in office, or Pennsylvania of Simon Kenton, or Kentucky, of Daniel Boone. The boy seemed not to know how to be dishonest.

4. Minority representation.

5. Modification of the pardoning power.

6. A change in the nature and mode of choosing the president.

7. A change in the date of our annual fall election to the time of the Presidential election, to prevent what is called colonization from our Southern Slave states to dispense with one election every fourth year.

8. Further restrictions upon the powers of corporations.

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