

Literary Notices.

**THE PENTATEUCH VINDICATED FROM THE ASSEVERATION OF DEISMO-COLEMAN.** By William Henry Green, Professor in the Theological Seminary, Princeton, N. J. 12mo., pp. 105. New York: John Wiley. For sale by R. S. Davis, Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

Our readers will remember that, in our issue of the 22d ult., we published a commendatory notice of Dr. Green's work, from the pen of an esteemed correspondent. We need not add that, so far as we have the means of judging, we regard the present answer to Coleman as beyond all question the most satisfactory that has yet been published. It may be read with advantage by all. And it should be attentively perused by those who have read the heretical work which has called it forth.

**ON THE ORIGIN OF SPECIES; OR, THE CAUSES OF THE PRESERVATION OF ORGANIC BEINGS.** A Course of Lectures in Working Men. By Thomas H. Huxley, F. R. S., Professor of Natural History in the Geyser School of Mines, New York. 2d Edition. 12mo., pp. 150. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

This is a scientific work, which will be read with much interest by naturalists. The style is good. Much information is afforded, and is given by examining one lecture, is induced to examine the rest. Mr. Huxley's object is, to establish and develop the theory of Mr. Darwin; and to satisfactorily investigate the subject, Mr. Darwin's work is also needed.

**MY SOUTHERN FRIENDS.** "All of which I Saw, and Part of which I Was." By Edwin Kirk, author of "Among the Pines." 12mo., pp. 108. New York: John Wiley. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

This is an interesting and a prophetic truthful portrait of slave society. It will doubtless be read with avidity by many, but we regard it as in some respects highly objectionable. The reported speeches of the various abolitionists are given in such profane and otherwise offensive language, and the author's own irrelevant allusions to sacred things are especially reprehensible. One who flippantly speaks of Southern war of Christ as "the unpardonable sin" who contemptuously brands with the epithet of the "pious gentleman" the negro preacher who objects to the dance in the church; and who, furthermore, in describing the dance, uses such an expression as, "Soon the light church, which had so often echoed with the groans of the saints, working with the hale of the sinners" such an author has at least no reason to complain if his work falls to meet with favor at the hands of the Christian public.

**THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF MISSOURI RIVER.** The Presbyterian of Missouri River met in Platteau, Nebraska Territory, April 9th, 1863.

Rev. James H. Clark was received from the Presbyterian of Miami, and is now supplying the Presbyterian church of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Stephen Phelps, a licentiate of the Presbyterian of Ohio, was received, and after passing very satisfactory examinations, and preaching a trial sermon, was ordained as an Evangelist. He has been supplying the Presbyterian church of Sioux City, Iowa, for the last nine months, with great acceptance, and expects to continue his labors in that field.

Statistical reports were heard from the different churches. The Narrative of the State of Religion in our bounds, was very encouraging from many of our churches.

Rev. H. M. Giltner was elected principal delegate to the General Assembly, and Rev. W. M. Wendish, alternate. Luther Hoxley, from Brainerd; George H. Blair, and J. O. McCandless, from Clarinda, Iowa, alternate.

The following resolutions relative to the state of our country, were then unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the President of these United States has appointed Thursday, April 30th, as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer; therefore,

Resolved, That this Presbytery earnestly enjoin upon all the members of the churches in our bounds to lay aside their daily avocations on that day, and where it is practicable, to assemble at their respective places of worship and engage in solemn services of Almighty God, deprecating his wrath, and imploring his mercy on us as a nation; and that he will forgive our national sins, and grant unto us as a people repentance unto life; and that we enjoin upon all our ministers to hold religious services in their respective churches on that day, calling on the people to humble themselves before the mighty hand of God, encouraging men every where to hope in the Divine mercy promised to the truly penitent, and earnestly beseeching Almighty God to discourage and dishearten the wicked rebellion which has arisen, and to subvert such a nation; and that he will restore to our nation his favor and grant us an honorable and lasting peace.

On motion, this Presbytery reaffirmed and adopted the resolutions passed by the Omaha Presbytery at its September meeting in 1861, relative to the observance of a similar day of humiliation.

Resolved, That all the churches and members of this Presbytery be enjoined to a faithful and conscientious observance of the day specified by the President of these United States.

Resolved, That ministers shall preach to the people, according to the tenor of the public invitation of Dr. R. F. Patterson, the Superintendent, the Presbytery met at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, at the chapel of the Hospital. After their session, the Presbytery, along with a number of gentlemen and ladies of the place, made a tour of inspection through the various wards, the dining rooms, kitchen, building for heating and ventilation, and then partook of an elegant tea provided for them. We then met in the chapel together with a large and decorous assembly of the patients for worship.

The building stands on a noble site, and has a vast and imposing frontage, varied by gables, recesses, and projections. Inside, it is a model of convenient arrangement, and the order, peace and neatness that reign within, deserve the highest encomium. We felt proud of what Iowa has done for the cause of the unfortunate, and thankful that their care had been entrusted to such a courteous, able, and Christian gentleman as Dr. Patterson.

On Wednesday night, the Rev. J. W. Larimer, formerly pastor of a Dutch church in Albany, N. Y., was installed in the Mt. Pleasant church. He was appointed installation services of our Book, so solemn and so appropriate, were listened to with deep attention. This pastor, begins his pastorate under very favorable auspices, his ministry having been already blessed by a revival which has added more than forty to the church.

The following is a list of the names of the members of the church:

Rev. J. W. Larimer, Stated Clerk.

The Presbytery of Vincennes held its regular Spring meeting at Carlisle, April 16th, at 7 o'clock P. M., and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Alexander Strout. Rev. S. B. Clark, of Alexander, was chosen Moderator. The Roll shows a full attendance, especially of Ruling Elders.

A letter was received from Rev. A. T. Hendricks, stating that he had accepted the chaplaincy of the 10th Indiana Cavalry. Rev. Hendricks is the third chaplain who has gone from this Presbytery.

A call from the Second church, Vincennes, for the services of Rev. J. S. Wilson, was put into the hands of the pastor elect, and by him retained until the next meeting of the Presbytery.

Rev. J. S. Wilson, of the Second church, Rolling Elder, were chosen Commissioners to the General Assembly, at 7 P. M.

gert and Dr. John J. Thompson, alternates. The First church, Vincennes, was enjoined to hold a congregational meeting before the next regular meeting of Presbytery, and determine that they will do in the master of the division of property enjoined on them by Presbytery, last Fall.

The judicial case of Rev. H. B. Scott, occupied a large portion of the session, and the following issue of that case is published by decree of Presbytery:

Presbytery finding Rev. H. B. Scott guilty of falsehood and unministerial conduct directs that the Moderator, in the name of the Presbytery, reprimand him in open Presbytery with severity, and enjoin on him solemnly in the fear of God, to seek grace whereby he may rule his spirit, and walk without reproach before man and with fear and trembling before God. The whole matter of the Revised Book of Discipline was left to the General Assembly.

Presbytery will hereafter appoint supplies only to such churches as by representation or letter, request such supplies.

The Committee on the State of Religion unite the Rev. Wm. P. M. in commendation of his report, and that there exists a general expectation of a better state of things.

The next regular meeting will be held at Petersburg, on the Second Thursday of September next.

SAMUEL B. TAGGART, S. C.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

**Presbytery of Dubuque.**

The Presbytery of Dubuque, Iowa, met at Pleasant Grove, (Iudition), April 21st, and was opened with prayer by the Moderator, Rev. A. A. E. Taylor, on Luke xiii: 42. "And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

The Rev. J. W. Smalley, of Waverly, was elected Moderator, and the Rev. Jerome Allen, of Hopkinton, Temporary Clerk.

The attendance of ministers and elders was pretty good—larger than at any recent meeting of Presbytery. The people of Pleasant Grove church and community filled the house to overflowing during the religious exercises, and also during the greater portion of the business sessions. This church, and another part of Bro. J. D. Caldwell's charge in the vicinity of Fairbank, have recently enjoyed a precious season of refreshing.

Rev. J. W. McKean was received from the Presbytery of Ohio. He has taken charge of the Collegiate Institute at Hopkinton, and is now attending to his principal duties. Bro. McKean also supplies the church of Wayne.

Mr. J. B. Vawter was received, as a licentiate, from the Presbytery of Indiana. A call was presented to him by the church of Prairie, and an adjourned meeting of Presbytery appointed, on the 12th day of May, with a view to his ordination and installation.

Three young men were taken under the care of Presbytery, as candidates for the Gospel ministry.

Mr. L. R. Lookwood, of Frederickburg, a candidate for the ministry, made application to have the sentence of suspension removed, or to have a new trial. Presbytery, in view of all the circumstances of the case, refused to grant the request.

Mr. Godfrey Moery, a young German of Dubuque, who has pursued his studies in that field.

Rev. J. N. Vliet, was licensed to preach the Gospel.

Rev. J. M. Boggs tendered his resignation as Stated Clerk, which was not accepted.

A Committee was appointed to organize a church at Coldwater, Butler County, in Bro. R. Merrill's field of labor.

Calls were presented by the churches of Epworth and Peoria, for the pastoral services of the Rev. Wm. P. Carson. Also, a call from Lime Springs, to the Rev. Adam Craig. It is expected that a church will be organized at Chester, in connection with this pastoral charge. An adjourned meeting of Presbytery was appointed on the 12th day of June, at Lime Springs, with a view to the installation of Bro. Craig.

The Rev. J. L. Wilson, of Scotch Grove, and Mr. B. S. Alexander, of Epworth, were appointed Commissioners to the General Assembly at Peoria.

The Presbytery consists of nineteen ministers, scattered over a wide extent of territory, several counties having but one minister, and others none, within their bounds. If the men could be had, and the means to sustain them, at least two or three other ministers might be very advantageously located in our widely extended field.

SEATED CLERK.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

**Presbytery of Iowa.**

The Presbytery of Iowa met in Mt. Pleasant, April 14th. The weather and the roads were fine, and there was a large attendance and a pleasant meeting.

The annual routine business was transacted harmoniously. The assessments were all paid, and nearly all the churches reported settlements with their ministers. The churches of Mt. Pleasant, Middle-town, Spring Creek, and Burlington, have enjoyed revivals, while in many other churches there has been a more than ordinary religious interest. The past Winter has been marked by a general spirit of revival in all branches of the Church in this section of Iowa.

One of the most interesting incidents of this meeting was a visit to the Iowa Hospital for the insane. According to the tenor of the public invitation of Dr. R. F. Patterson, the Superintendent, the Presbytery met at 2 P. M. on Wednesday, at the chapel of the Hospital. After their session, the Presbytery, along with a number of gentlemen and ladies of the place, made a tour of inspection through the various wards, the dining rooms, kitchen, building for heating and ventilation, and then partook of an elegant tea provided for them. We then met in the chapel together with a large and decorous assembly of the patients for worship.

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The Presbytery unanimously recommended the adoption of the last Revised Book of Discipline.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Kosciusko, the second Tuesday of September, at 7 P. M. G. D. S.

For the Presbyterian Banner.

**Presbytery of Marion.**

The stated Spring meeting of the Presbytery of Marion was held in Mt. Gilead, beginning on the 14th of April. The meeting was one of unusual interest. At the very beginning a solemn impression was made by the announcement that our Moderator had been suddenly called away by death. Presbytery was opened with a sermon by Rev. C. W. Mator, from James i: 15. "I don't know, I suppose she'll tell me when I get there," said Fred. "We can play in the fort to-morrow. I must go now," so he turned and went homeward, whistling a lively air.

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For Jesus is king there  
The whole of the day  
The Lord's little servant  
He's trying to be  
Is this your a stranger  
To you and to me?  
—Little American.

From the Boston Recorder.

**The First Cigar.**

"I think you might stay a little longer, Fred, we've got the fort built to be sure, but now we want some fun playing around it," said Arthur to one of his playmates, who with others, had been engaged in erecting a fort of snow.

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While Charles was in the house, talking with his mother, the other boys, who the day before, had erected the snow fort, were gathered there again, nimbly playing.

"It's ever so much better playing in the fort to-day, than it would have been yesterday," said Fred Hayden, "cause it's colder and the snow is frozen solid."

"I was a better day to build it yesterday," said Charles Smith; "I wonder where Edward Hubbard is to-day?"

Arthur looked a little ashamed. He was afraid that Fred would tell what occasioned his absence, but he didn't; he only told Arthur when by themselves, that all the boys that his mother liked to have him associate with, would shun him if he led them into such practices.

Little boys who read this story, will you not learn a lesson from the experience of Charles Hubbard?

Some of you have thought you would like to go to the war, if you were only old enough. But you are not too young to fight against evil. Do so then, seeking God's help; and if you come off conquerors, you will have a crown which has been purchased for you by the Great Conqueror.

**FORM OF A DEVISE OR BEQUEST.**

TO ANY OF THE BOARDS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The State laws differ so much that no one form will answer in all the States, but in every case it is essential to give the right CORPORA-TION.

The oldest Board was originally called the Board of Missions, but is now incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania under the title of "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America."

The Board of Education of the corporate nature, which differs from the others, has taken high and honorable ground, and of the preservation of the integrity of the Union. "By" attorneys have been first and decided, and they will continue to be such until the spirit of rebellion has been entirely quashed, and our Government once more firmly established.

When real estate or other property is given, let it be particularly described.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN REGARD TO COLLECTIONS.

WHEREAS, Many of our churches do not contribute to our benevolent enterprises, and whereas, it is desirable to test the power of simulating need; and whereas, in cases of emergency, it is necessary to have the cooperation of all our churches, requiring the cooperation of all our churches, to save our people from serious embarrassment; therefore,

Resolved, That the Assembly earnestly request all our churches that have not fixed times for the purpose, to take up annual collections as follows, viz:

For the BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF JANUARY.

For the BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF JANUARY.

For the BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF FEBRUARY.

For the COLLECTOR FUND OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF MAY.

For the BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION ON THE FIRST SABBATH OF SEPTEMBER.

Resolved, That when the annual collections cannot be taken up on the days above designated, it be recommended to take them up as soon thereafter as possible.

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