

Poetry.

Voices Singers. A bird is singing in the leaves. That quiver on yon linden tree. So soft and clear the song he sings, The ruses listen dreamily.

Literary Notices.

LITTLE ANNIE'S BIBLE LESSONS. By Nellie Graham, author of "The Telescope," &c. 18 mos. pp. 175. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, For sale at the Presbyterian Book Rooms, Pittsburgh.

COMFORT FOR AFFLICTED YOUTH, in Letters from a Father to his Children, is the title of a small 24mo. volume just published by our Board. It is evidently not intended for very young readers, as both in sentiment and style, it is adapted to persons of somewhat mature years.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, for November, contains, among other articles, the Spanish and the Heretic; The Formation of Glaciers; The Sam Adams Regiment in the Town of Boston; and The French Struggle for Naval and Colonial Power.

MEMBERS ENROLLED. Presbytery of Steubenville--Ministers: C. C. Beatty, Richard Brown, Wm. Eaton, Robert Herron, M. A. Parkinson, Israel Price, W. W. Lavery, J. S. Marquis, Thos. G. Scott, Samuel Patterson, Geo. Frazier, J. B. Patterson, A. M. Reid, J. W. Hamilton, Henry Woods, T. V. Milligan, W. C. Neely, Elders: Ira Price, A. L. Litch, Wm. Clark, Jno. Ganit, W. M. Hamilton, J. G. Allen, Wm. Cameron, E. T. Bell, Jas. Robertson, Wm. Plummer, M. Strausbaugh, Isaac Pratt.

Presbytery of Washington--Ministers: Jno. Bagleson, Jas. Sloan, J. W. Scott, J. T. Brownson, J. S. Pomroy, A. Paul, S. F. Grier, B. S. Morton, W. J. Alexander, N. B. Lyons, W. B. Keeling, Jas. Alexander, J. P. Caldwell, Jas. Black, L. Grier, D. W. Fisher, Jos. Waugh, D. H. Lavery, Elders: Ezekiel Davis, S. McClain, Jas. Hughes, Jno. Duncan, Wm. Armstrong, Danl. Condit, T. S. Irwin, J. C. Hervey, Jas. Rankin, B. R. Reed.

Presbytery of New Lisbon--Ministers: A. S. McMaster, J. R. Dundas, J. B. Miller, Robt. Hays, O. M. Todd, A. B. Maxwell, W. C. March, Wm. Dalzell, T. P. Spear, Wm. Dixon, Wm. Gaston, D. M. Miller, Wm. O. Stratton. Elders: H. R. Martin, Wm. Sheehan, Stephen Todd, Hugh Martin, Jas. Bruce, Danl. Smith, W. B. Shannon, Jno. Montgomery, John McDonald, Jehu Dildath, Jno. Hartzell, Thos. P. Thompson.

Presbytery of St. Clairsville--Ministers: Benj. Mitchell, J. B. Graham, T. R. Crawford, Wm. S. Dool, Robt. Armstrong, Geo. McDonald, J. D. Fitzgerald, Wm. G. Grimes, Elders: Jno. S. Major, Robt. Merritt, Saml. Sharpless, E. M. Thaker, Jas. Taggart, Geo. Brocail.

Rev. David McKinney, D.D., was invited to sit as a corresponding member. Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock. After recess, the Presbytery of West Virginia was recognized as a constituent part of the Synod. Members present--Ministers: J. A. Ewing, H. W. Biggs, J. H. Flanagan.

The opening sermon was delivered by the Moderator, on Isa. lii: 7--"How beautiful upon the mountains," &c. Rev. S. F. Grier was chosen Moderator, Rev. J. S. Marquis, Permanent Clerk, and Rev. J. D. Fitzgerald, Temporary Clerk. The Committee on Religious Exercises reported, recommending that the Rev. J. B. Patterson be appointed to preach in this house to-morrow evening, at 7 o'clock. Report adopted.

Hours of meeting and adjournment: 9 A. M. meet; adjourn at 12 M. Meet at 2 P. M., take a recess from 5 to 7 P. M.; adjourn at 9 P. M. The first half hour of each morning session was spent in devotional exercises.

Minutes of the last meeting were read. The Moderator announced the following Committees: On Bills and Overtures--Ministers: Robt. Herron, John Bagleson, Richard Brown, and John B. Graham. Elders: B. R. Reed, W. M. Hamilton, and John C. Hervey.

On Narrative--Ministers: R. S. Morton, and Henry Woods. Elder: James Rankin. Synodical College--Ministers: Benjamin Mitchell, J. P. Caldwell, M. A. Parkinson, and T. R. Crawford. Elders: Jno. S. Major, and Daniel Condit.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 2 o'clock. Report adopted, as follows: The Committee on the Narrative reported, recommending that the information contained in the Presbyterian Narrative, but little material is furnished to your Committee, as all of these reports are merged in such items.

All of the Presbyteries report that apathy and coldness on the subject of religion prevails to a considerable extent. A resolution was adopted, that while the West is in prayer, the earnestness and fidelity of former years, it seems to fall on the hearts of the people like "water upon the rock, which cannot be gathered again." The world has taken hold upon the hearts of God's people to an alarming extent. The troubles, and sorrows, and political strife, incident to our present state of our country, so fill and occupy the minds and hearts of our people, that the Word of God and ordinances of religion seem to produce but little impression upon them.

From what the Committee can learn in regard to this item of the reports, we do not understand that church members have fallen into the commission of these sins, but that the world around is making fearful progress on the downward road to "another day and another night." For all the abominations that are in the midst of us, we would sigh and cry unto the Lord. For these evidences of coldness and deadness on the part of ministers and people, we would mourn, and in the bitterness of our anguish, cry out, "God be merciful to us, and to our churches." "Gloomy and dark as these aspects of piety and religion are to the hearts of God's servants, there are yet many things to encourage and fill our hearts with hope. Our Sabbath Schools and Bible Classes are still full, and the incorruptible seed of the Word is being sown broadcast in the hearts and minds of the people. The influence of the Word still goes on, and large and attentive congregations of listeners are found in our sanctuaries from Sabbath to Sabbath. The weekly prayer-meeting is kept up in our congregations, where they "gather to the Lord, speak often one to another." In our churches, peace prevails, notwithstanding the strife and turmoil of the times through which we are passing. The new Presbytery of West Virginia is an exception to this. In the greater part of the territory occupied by this Presbytery, the churches have been divided and torn into fragments by the desecration of the graves, the banishment of pastors, and the removal of many of their members. These things call for humiliation and prayer to God. On the other hand, strong hope is entertained that soon the causes of these disruptions will pass away, and our churches return to their former prosperity, and to greatly increased usefulness.

The third exception taken by the committee on the Records of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, against said records, was taken up, amended, adopted, and is as follows: "The Synod takes exception to the resolution of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, on pages 176 and 177, (a resolution relating to the utterance of political sentiments in the pulpit), in so far as the resolution fails to distinguish between partisanship in the ordinary sense, and the just exposition and application of God's Word to the Christian duties of the citizen, especially in a great crisis like the present. The former we regard as wrong and injurious to the part of ministers in their official capacity, but the latter is as clearly an imperative duty. Whilst, therefore, the Synod concurs with the Presbytery in the judgment that ministers are not called to conduct their ministrations under dictation from any quarter, yet we cannot withhold the conviction that, under a sound discretion, they should proclaim the duties which we owe, under God, to 'the powers that be,' and offer seasonable prayers in behalf of magistrates and all in authority, as well as all the interests of the nation."

The fourth exception of the Committee was adopted, as follows: "We except to the action of Presbytery in dissolving the pastoral relation between Rev. A. L. Knox and the church of Birmingham, without giving the notice required by the Book." The special committee appointed on a portion of the Records of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, reported. Report accepted, amended and adopted, as follows: "The Committee to whom were referred the part of the Records of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville containing the action in regard to the elders of the church of Kirkwood, report, that the entire action was unwise and inexpedient."

A special Committee, consisting of Revs. J. L. Brown, M. A. Parkinson, and older J. G. Allen, was appointed to bring in a Report on the state of the country. Synod then took a recess until 6 1/2 o'clock. After recess, the Committee on the Records of the Presbytery of Washington reported, recommending their approval. Report adopted. Committee on Synodical College reported. Reported adopted. The following is a portion of the same: "Your Committee would submit the following resolutions: 1. That the Synod, at its present sessions, nominate to the Board of Trustees, suitable persons as Professors of Natural Science and Mathematics. 2. That the Synod hereby express continued confidence in those who are engaged in conducting her College enterprise."

Synod, in accordance with resolution 1st of the foregoing, proceeded to the nomination of Professors, when Rev. Wm. J. Brugh, of the Presbytery of Richland, was nominated to the Chair of Natural Science, and Rev. Joseph Waugh, of the Presbytery of Washington, was nominated to the Chair of Mathematics. The following paper in relation to the union of Washington and Jefferson Colleges, was adopted unanimously: "Resolved, That an individual has offered a donation of \$50,000, on the condition of a union of Washington and Jefferson Colleges; therefore, 1. That the members of Synod consider a union of these institutions as very desirable for the purpose of uniting the friends of Collegiate education under Presbyterian influences; and believe that such a union would greatly subserve the interests of sound learning and religion."

Resolved, That neither of these Colleges is likely, as now situated, to command the general sympathy and support of Presbyterians in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Eastern Ohio, which seems necessary to the establishment of a first-rate Institution, and which would be secured by a united College, we think no mere local interest should present so important an object, but that its location in either Washington or Canonsburg, ought to be submitted to disinterested persons to decide it, in reference to the common benefit of the cause of education. Resolved, 3. That a liberal offer should not be lost by the neglect to act by those who have the power to obtain it; and we therefore recommend to the Trustees of these respective Institutions, to take early and effectual measures for such a union as will secure it, and probably other similar measures upon the basis of a union. Resolved, 4. That such a united College, with the increased advantages which it would be able to offer for a thorough education, would have not only the undivided and hearty support of this Synod, but, we believe also, the patronage of other adjoining Synods of our Church, and we hope also of other branches of the Presbyterian family."

Resolved, 5. That copies of this action be transmitted, by the Stated Clerk, to the respective Boards of these Colleges, as the expression of our views, and also the Synod of Pittsburgh, and Allegheny, in inviting their cooperation with us in this object. Resolved, 6. That Drs. Beatty and Sloan be appointed a Committee to bear a copy of the Minute of the foregoing action, with the fraternal greeting of this Synod, to the Synod of Pittsburgh, about to meet in Johnstown. A Committee of Examination for Washington College was appointed, consisting of Revs. Messrs. George Frazier, Wm. H. Lester, W. Dalzell, Robert Armstrong and H. W. Biggs. The Committee on the State of the Country reported. Report adopted, as follows: "Whereas, the President of the United States has, by a public proclamation, recommended to the nation the observance of the last Thursday of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving for the continued blessings of Providence, and especially for the success of our arms in the late war, and the government through the army and navy, in their efforts to suppress the atrocious rebellion still raging in our land, and also as a day of prayer for the favor of God to our distracted country in this great and perilous crisis; therefore, Resolved, That it be recommended to the churches under our care to observe said day, in such religious exercises as the pastors and Sessions may appoint. Resolved, That we continue to sympathize, to the fullest extent, with the constituted authorities in their anxieties in this gigantic struggle for national existence, and to pray for the success of the law, and that our prayers and influence shall not be withheld in behalf of the great interests committed to their care, as the legitimate representatives of our national life. Resolved, That we cherish in tenderest regard the sick and wounded of our noble soldiers and seamen, as well as the bereaved who mourn the loss of sons, brothers and friends, whether on the battle-field or from diseases, and that we invoke for their comfort the presence of a 'Friend that sticketh closer than a brother.' Resolved, That this Synod has observed, with strong approbation, the operation of the Committee on the State of the Country, for the supply of the temporal and spiritual necessities of the army and navy, and does not hesitate to express its confidence in the Commission, and recommend it to the earnest cooperation and prayer of our churches and people."

A dissent from the action of Synod in the case of the exception to the record of the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, relative to the elders of the church of Kirkwood, signed by nineteen members of Synod, was admitted to record. The Presbytery of St. Clairsville gave notice of a complaint to the General Assembly in relation to the same. The thanks of Synod were tendered to the citizens of New-Lisbon and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality to the members thereof. Synod adjourned with singing, prayer and the apostolic benediction. JAMES BLACK, Stated Clerk.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Presbytery of Salisbury, Pa. The Presbytery of Salisbury, at its late meeting in Rural Village, adopted the following resolutions, viz: Resolved, That Presbytery request the Board of Publication to publish all the official communications of the churches, published in the Presbyterian Banner of the State of the Country by the General Assembly and Synods of New-York and Philadelphia, in tract form, for general circulation. Resolved, That the Stated Clerk transmit this resolution to the Secretary of the Board of Publication, and that it be published in the Presbyterian Banner. Presbytery also adopted the following as a standing rule, viz: Resolved, That no licentiate of this Presbytery be allowed to leave his recitations at the Seminary to preach, except by permission of the Professors of the Seminary of which he is a student, or by permission of this Presbytery, until he has completed a three years' course of Theological studies. Attest: W. W. WOODEND, S. C. P. S.--The following supplies were appointed to fill the pulpits of Messrs. Orr and Irwin, who are sent as delegates of the U. S. Christian Commission, and also of Mr. McMillen, who is still in feeble health, viz: Bethel and Jacksonville--McElwain, 2d Sabbath November. Rice, 4th Sabbath November. Dr. Donaldson, 1st Sabbath December. Methlin, 3d Sabbath December. Ebenezer--Shirley, 4th Sabbath October. Woodend, 1st Sabbath November. John Caruthers, 2d Sabbath November. T. D. Ewing, 3d Sabbath November. Kennedy, 5th Sabbath November. For Fathers, 2d Sabbath November; and administrator Lord's Supper, Townsend, 4th Sabbath November. Sparrow, 4th Sabbath December. Warren--Sparrow, 1st Sabbath Nov.; and administrator Lord's Supper, Morgan, 3d Sabbath November. Bolman, 3d Sabbath December. Washington--Jones and J. Caruthers; administrator the Lord's Supper at discretion.

For the Presbyterian Banner. Supplies appointed by Steubenville Presbytery. Big Spring--Dr. Brown, 1st Sabbath of November, and take a collection for Foreign Missions. Mr. Hamilton, Third Sabbath of February, and take a collection for the Board of Education; and permission to supply themselves until the next stated meeting for the Board of Education. New Cumberland--Mr. Wells, Fourth Sabbath of November, and take a collection for Domestic Missions. Mr. Samuel Patterson, Fourth Sabbath of February, and take a collection for the Board of Education. Edinboro--Mr. Hamilton, Second Sabbath of November, and take a collection for Domestic Missions. Mr. Eaton, Second Sabbath of February, and take a collection for the Board of Education. Centre--Mr. Reid, one Sabbath at discretion, and take a collection for the Board of Education; and permission to employ Rev. W. S. Dool as Stated Supply for next six months. New Harrisburg--Mr. Milligan, First Sabbath of December, and take a collection for Domestic Missions. Mr. Lavery, Second Sabbath of February, and take a collection for the Board of Education; and permission to supply themselves until the next stated meeting. Kilmory--Mr. Watson, First Sabbath of December; Mr. Marquis, First Sabbath of January. Mr. Scott, First Sabbath of February, and take a collection for Disabled Ministers' Fund. Mr. Eaton, First Sabbath of April. Amsterdam--Mr. Bates, Fourth Sabbath of February, and take a collection for the Board of Education. ROBERT HERRON, Stated Clerk.

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 name of the NAME. The oldest Board was originally called the Board of Missions, but is now incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania under the title of 'The Trustees of the Board of Domestic Missions of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.' Of the Board of Education the corporate name is, 'The Trustees of the Board of Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.' The Board of Church Extension of the General Assembly is not incorporated, but the following form of bequest, if it is supposed, would be valid. I bequeath to my executors the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars, in full to be paid over the same, after my decease, to the person who, when the same shall be payable, shall act as Treasurer of the Board of Church Extension of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, located in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, to be applied to the uses and purposes of the Board of Church Extension, and the receipt of the said Treasurer shall be a full and legal acquittance of my said executors for the same. When real estate or other property is given, let it be particularly described.

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