

represented to select some one or more of their number as a solicitor for their organization.

On motion, Sister J. Barker, J. C. Johnson and D. M. Doty were appointed a committee on programme for our next meeting in Albany during the month of January, 1884.

On motion, the business meeting adjourned.

The protracted effort immediately followed, and still continues, much interest being manifested in the meeting thus far.

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Current Religious News.

In a town in Upper Egypt, failing to secure one of their own people to expound the Scriptures, the Copts engaged the services of a young man recently licensed by the Mission Presbytery. So great was the interest in his first sermon that he was compelled to give it three times. Women disguised themselves as men in order to get into the street to hear the preaching.

The census of missions to be taken next year will, it is estimated, show an increase of 200,000 native Christians in India, Ceylon, and Burmah, for the last ten years—500,000 in all. What does the doubter in the success of Christian missions say to that?

Miss A. M. Fields, a missionary stationed at Swatow, China, who has just returned to this country on a visit, has during the past four years, in addition to her missionary labors, prepared a dictionary of the Swatow dialect. It is a book of some 600 pages, the first of the kind ever published.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has sent four missionaries to China, two to Mexico, and two to Brazil; and the Woman's Board has sent four ladies—twelve in one year shows an advancement.

Of the baptism of Ahmed Tewfik Effendi, the Church Missionary Intelligencer remarks: "This baptism is a great event. No convert of equal eminence has, it is believed, ever been won from Mohammedanism. He was in the very front rank of the Turkish hierarchy in learning and reputation." The prayers of Christians are asked that he may, like the Apostle Paul, "increase the more in strength," and prove a chosen vessel to bear the name of Christ, by voice and pen, to the followers of the false prophet.

Mr. Huxley's account of the religion of Central Africa helps confirm us that God has not left himself without witness in any human minds. Among their idols and objects of worship he describes a figure with seven heads forming a circle, in form bearing "a remarkable resemblance to the productions of Hindu mythology." He adds: "There is no remnant among this tribe of the worship of the sun, but they associate the name of the evening star with the term for 'home.' As stated by one of themselves, they believe that at death they go into the sunset, there to be judged for their past life by a Great Being with whom they may be allowed to live. Should they have done evil in this life they are cast out. The spirits cast out become a power for evil. The spirits who are permitted to reside with the Great Being become a power for good; and it is to these spirits they pray, and for the use of these spirits they erect little hut-like dwellings."

Revision seems to be the order of the day. It has been generally believed that the Quakers have no creed, but they have a book of "Doctrine, Practice and Discipline," while the authoritative documents of the society fill several volumes. It has been found impossible for the society to resist the habits and tendencies of the times. They still keep up their "public testimonies," ordering plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, forbidding the pursuits of music, dancing, theatrical entertainments, and vain sports, against the hurtful tendency of reading plays, romances, novels, and other pernicious books, but these testimonies show only now the wide difference which has come to exist between doctrine and practice. In the last twenty years there have been three revisions. At the last yearly meeting a committee was appointed to modernize the Book of Discipline. This committee will report at the yearly meeting soon to be held, and if the revision is adopted the Quakers may look forward to a new career unhampered by many of the absurd restrictions which now hold back from progress and success.

Mr. Spurgeon's Pastor's College in the twenty-seven years of its life has educated 650 men, of whom 44 have died. At present 486 are regularly engaged in Christian work as pastors, missionaries and evangelists.

Those engaged as missionaries are in various parts of Africa, China, Japan, India, Brazil, Hayti, Italy and Spain, and the pastors are settled over churches in Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand, Cade Colony, St. Helena, Canada, Nova Scotia, Jamaica and the United States.

The expenses of the institution for the scholastic year which closed last month, were over \$35,000, of which \$10,000 were received from the weekly offering of the Tabernacle, about \$20,000 from donations, and \$5,000 from legacies.

Mrs. Charles Butler, of Great Barrington, Mass., has given \$60,000 for the erection of an Episcopal church building in Stockbridge Mass. her native town.

Mr. Spurgeon is suffering again from rheumatism in his hand, shoulders and knee, and is often unable to preach.

The Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque, New Mexico, has received from the ladies of the Second Presbyterian Church of Troy, a bell weighing 700 pounds, from the Clinton H. Meneely foundry. The Morning Journal says: "A large number of citizens remarked that they had never heard a more pleasing church-going bell in their lives."

The Jubilee Fund of the Congregationalists of Great Britain has mounted up to the noble sum of \$1,400,000. Of this large ingathering of contributions they propose to spend at least \$160,000 in the purchase of sites for future churches in the ever-extending city of London.

The spirit of the Lord's prayer is beautiful. It breathes—

- A filial spirit—"Father."
- A catholic spirit—"Our Father."
- A reverential spirit—"Hallowed be thy name."
- A missionary spirit—"Thy kingdom come."
- An obedient spirit—"Thy will be done."
- A dependent spirit—"Give us this day our daily bread."
- A penitent spirit—"Forgive our trespasses."
- A forgiving spirit—"As we forgive them that trespass against us."
- A watchful spirit—"Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
- A believing and adoring spirit—"For thine is the glory forever, Amen."—Etc.

All religious instruction or even allusion to religion in the schools of France is so strictly forbidden by the new laws on the subject that the name of the Deity is carefully expunged from the new text books.

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Let him who regrets the loss of time make better use of it in future. The most miserable pettifogger in the world is that of a man in the court of his own conscience.

* * * "The best advice may come too late." Said a sufferer from Kidney troubles, when asked to try Kidney-Wort, "I'll try it but it will be my last dose." The man got well and is now recommending the remedy to all sufferers. In this case good advice came just in time to save the man.

There are in Washington six equestrian statues, erected in order of time as follows: Jackson, Washington, Scott, McPherson, Nathaniel Green, and George H. Thomas. The Army of the Cumberland is raising money for another—this seventh one to be a colossal bronze statue of General Garfield.

*Ladies, if you would be forever redeemed from the physical disabilities that, in thousands of cases, depress the spirits and absolutely fetter all the energies of womanhood, you have only to get Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The sad consequences of defection in principle is corruption in practice.

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We cannot lecture men into the love of Christ; we can but win them to it by showing Christ's love to them; and not the least important element in that process is the exhibition of our own love. We have a gospel to speak of which the very heart is that the Son of God stooped to become one of the lowliest and most sinful; and how can that gospel be spoken with power, unless we, too, stoop like Him?—Alexander Maclaren.

Advice To Mothers.

MRS WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used when children are cutting teeth. It relieves the little sufferer at once: it produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as "bright as a button." It is very pleasant to taste. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Twenty-five cts. a bottle. 13-20-17