

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT

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We wish to correspond with every preacher in Kentucky in reference to the circulation of the Herald, and contributions to its columns. Send for terms.

The Spread of Infidelity.

The conflict now in this country in regard to the integrity and inspiration of the writers of the Old Testament and New, had been waged for fifty years and more in Germany, when Prof. Stuart and Dr. Edward Robison began their work in defence and illustration of the Scriptures. They made their pupils and many general readers familiar with the prevalent methods of German rationalism, and also with the profoundest and most powerful defences of the divine inspiration of the whole Bible. But they foresaw the wave of infidelity that would roll fast over England, and then, with accumulated depth, strength and vastness, like a third wave of the Atlantic, would break, popularized across the new fifty-million minded, free-thinking, all-knowing fermenting republic of the United States.

In 1852 an article was published by Prof. Stuart, Bibliotheca Sacra, in which he wrote down, with intense solemnity, his own anxieties and prophetic warnings as to the Spirit of Scepticism, which he perceived so rapidly increasing in this country; the in-rushing tide of the unbelieving, unsanctified erudition of Germany. He went so far as to propose a plan for establishment in America of "BIBLE COLLEGES, SACRED WEST POINTS," "where officers will be trained up, who are able and willing to defend, to the last extremity, and triumphantly, that holy citadel of Christianity," THE SCRIPTURES GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD.

"If the ground is once abandoned, which Paul has taken," said Prof. Stuart, namely, "THAT ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD, then every one is left, wholly and without any checks, to be his own judge in the case; how much of the Bible is consocant with his own reason and subjective feelings, and how much is not, and the feelings are, of course, the high court of appeal. What now has become of the Book of God, true, authoritative, decisive of all duty and all matters of faith? Gone, absolutely gone, irretrievably gone,

as to the man of men. And if any doubt remain as to the effect of such doctrine, I appeal to the religious state of the great German community—to their Sabbaths, to their lonely sanctuaries, to their lack of missionary spirit, and to their general indifference as to revivals of religion, such as produce and foster warm hearted piety."

"To the same state, or one much like it, must we also come ere long, unless this tide can be averted from us. On the present generation in our country, it rests to decide the question whether we shall follow in the footsteps of Germany.—N. Y. Observer.

Notes and Comments.

Bro. F. G. Allen has some "indications of improvement."

The church at Fulton, Ky., want a preacher. Address Ed. Sparks at that place.

A good liquid glue can be made by covering the hard glue with a cetic acid.

A sure cure for felons, if used in time, is a poultice made of soft soap and flax or corn meal.

Life is full of useful lessons. We can not see or hear the most trivial matter, but it may serve to "point a moral."

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union gave a dinner to the News and Messenger boys in New Orleans, and about 100 signed a pledge not to drink or gamble.

An exchange recommends one ounce of salt to every 16 or 20 of butter. We know of a number of butter makers who will not believe that; but would accept the reverse.

The Christian Record comes much improved. It is now printed at Indianapolis, Ind., by A. O. Goodwin, to whom all business letters should be addressed. Bro. Mathes' office is still at Bedford, Ind.

This morning (May 23) the snow fell here (40 south of Cincinnati) 1 inch deep. Corn, potatoes, peas, beans, cabbage, tomatoes and sweet potatoes are about hand high. So far as we have examined no damage is done.

The South Kentucky Christian Missionary S. S. Association will held its last session at Paducah,

June 19th, 20th and 21st. There were present E. L. Powell, G. E. Flower, J. C. Creel, J. H. Roulhac, R. A. Cook, T. D. Moore, W. L. Butler, Editor Apostolic Church, J. W. Higbee, tract publisher, H. C. Waddell, Miss Eugene Parham, W. M. Weatherford, J. W. Gont, W. A. Gibson, B. C. Dwees and J. W. Crenshaw. The church at Paducah extended a hearty invitation.

In 1880 there was expended \$800,000,000 for alcohol. The value of property in round numbers is \$50,000,000,000. In 62 1/2 years our people drink up the entire value of our property. Thus day by day our guzzlers are worse than wasting our abundance. Better had \$800,000,000 been destroyed by fire. Chicago was rebuilt; but a man burned up with alcohol can never be rebuilt. If he goes to a drunkard's grave the Book of books says, "No drunkard can enter the kingdom of heaven." The churches knowing this enemy to man, should stop its manufacture and sale. They have it in their power, and are responsible if they do not use it.

Not long ago we were plowing a piece of "new ground." There were several stumps which interfered with the work; but we did not stop on their account; we kept plowing and were soon above them. (We were plowing on a side hill.) Such is life. Men (?) sometimes get in our way. Unprincipled, self-seeking creatures, who care not for others. What shall you do about it, stop your work and grapple with them? Would you "scuffle" with a stump? No! work on and you will soon be above them; and in your diligence to do good, will soon forget them. They may denounce you, hound you, or what not, you are above them and their words of opposition die away in the distance and harm you not. You can only pity and pray for them.

Mr. Mulhall furnishes us with the following statistics of the U. S.:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Categories include Railways, Farmers, Cattle, Manufactures, Homes, Furniture, Forests, Mines, Canals, Bailion, Shipping, and Public Works.

This is taken from the census of 1880. It will be seen that whilst many complaints are made against railroad monopolies, that they are not so formidable as we think. The farmers of this country in

wealth and numbers far surpass the railroad owners. There is then no excuse for farmers' complaints. Let them unitedly counteract the grasping efforts of these roads and keep freight and passenger rates within reasonable bounds. The working men are the power; they have the numbers and wealth. Then fellow workmen, quit your complaining, unite together, and control our country to the good of all.

We have received the following invitation to attend the closing exercises at Eminence College, and regret that it is out of our power to attend. We are proud of the standing of eminence, and congratulate Pres. Giltner on his success: You are respectfully invited to attend the closing exercises of Eminence College, beginning June 4, 1883. Oral examination of classes Monday and Tuesday, the 4th and 5th. The Philomathean Society will give an exhibition on Wednesday morning. Address at 11 o'clock by Hon. Ben S. Robbins. Commencement exercises in the afternoon. Literary and Musical performance at night. Thursday morning, the 7th, Annual Address by Eld. George Darsie. Afternoon, Entertainment by the Music Class. Exercises will be held at Helm Hall. At night, Levee at the College Grounds.—W. S. Giltner, President.

The following have been selected as a committee on Library for Sunday-schools by the General Christian S. S. Association, organized at Island Park, Ind., August, 1882: S. P. Lucy, chairman, Midway, Ky.; F. M. Green, Cor. Sec., Kent. O.; J. H. Hardin, Hannibal, Mo.; L. L. Carpenter, Wabash, Ind.; C. C. Cline, Louisville, Ky.; N. S. Haynes, Decatur, Ill.; E. Sias, Cascade, Mich.; George Darsie, Frankfort, Ky.; J. W. Montjoy, Columbia, Mo.; F. D. Power, Washington, D. C.; L. R. Gault, Dayton, O.; A. I. Hobbs, Louisville, Ky.; O. C. Atwater, Randolph, O. We have need of such a movement as this for some time. While the undertaking is difficult, the committee is equal to it. Of course there will be some unbrotherly criticisms by those who oppose Sunday schools. But let "the heathen rage." We suggest that the brethren generally express their sentiments and confer with the committee about the selections, as we are all interested.