

existed on this earth," and that there are "Unitarian pulpits which teach that God is not a conscious personality, that he has never revealed himself, and that the belief in a divine revelation has been more harmful than beneficial to humanity."

While we stand in astonishment and ask how it is that men can go to such extremes with the Bible before them, Paul comes forward to solve our otherwise difficult problem—"The word of the cross to those in the way of perdition is folly, but to us in the way of salvation it is the power of God." And "when the world had failed to gain by its wisdom the knowledge of God in the wisdom of God, it pleased God, by the folly of our preaching, to save those who believe."

So men who are in the way of perdition, condemn the Bible because the Bible condemns them, and reason unguided, or reasoning from wrong premises may come to the most erroneous conclusions.

We turn from this to a more encouraging view as we consider the the upward slide from Arianism. Or we may even start lower in the scale profitably, and note the concessions of various "liberalists," toward the truths of Christianity, and the divinity of Jesus of Nazareth.

Humanitarianism presents Jesus as a pure man, having a divine mission, and distinguished from other men by his special work, rather than by his nature. That he had no existence before his conception by the Virgin Mary, that the Holy Spirit is no distinct person, but that the Father is truly and properly God.

This doctrine is properly known as Socinianism from Faustus Socinus who died in Poland in 1604. The better Socinians accept the declaration of Renau, that "the consciousness of God in Jesus exceeded that of all other men."

The attitude of Rousseau toward Christianity is known to be that of a moderate Deist verging toward the rationalistic School of latter times. In his familiar comparison of Jesus with Socrates, his convictions of the superhuman character of the former, as well as his admiration of him were eloquently set forth in the following language: "I will confess to you that the majesty of the Scriptures strikes me with admiration as the purity of the Gospel hath its influence on my heart. The works of philosophers, with all their pomp of diction, how mean, how contemptible are they compared with the Scriptures. Is it possible that a book, at once so simple and sublime, should be merely the work of man? Is it possible the Sacred Personage whose history it contains, should be himself a mere man? * * * Where is the man, where the philosopher who could so live, and so die, without weakness and without ostentation? * * *

What prepossession, what blindness must it be to compare the son of Sophroniscus to the Son of Mary; what an infinite disproportion there is between them. Socrates, dying without pain or ignominy, easily supported his character to the last. * * * Yes, if the life and death of Socrates were those of a sage, the life and death of Jesus are those of a God. Shall we suppose the evangelistic history a mere fiction? Indeed, my friend, it bears not the marks of fiction; on the contrary, the history of Socrates, which nobody presumes to doubt, is not so well attested as that of Jesus Christ. Such a supposition, in fact, only shifts the difficulty without obviating it. It is more inconceivable that a number of persons should agree to write such a history, than that only one should furnish a history of it. The Jewish authors were incapable of the diction and strangers to the morality contained in the Gospels, the marks of whose truth are so striking and inimitable, that the inventor would be a more astonishing character than the hero." Voltaire

was so highly enraged on account of this reverence for Christ, shown by Rousseau, that on reading this passage, he cried out frantically, "The Judas! the Judas! He deserts us when we are about to triumph."

(To Continue.)

Reports from the Field.

The Christian brotherhood at Lompoc, Temperance Colony, Cal., are about to organize with prospect of quite a number of additions.

BATTLE GROUND, W. T.,
July 14, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

At the meeting of the Disciples of Christ in Lacerter, on Lord's day, July 13th, there was one addition to the church by confession and baptism.

Yours in one hope,
S. C. ESPY.

SALEM, OR., July 21, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

One made the good confession here yesterday, and was baptized last night at the close of the services.

The interest here is good and increasing. Attendance generally large, and good attention paid to the preaching. Brethren living in peace, being "perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Prospects are fair.

Your brother,
P. R. BURNETT.

EDEN VALLEY, WHITMAN CO., W. T.,
July 14, 1879.

Bro. Campbell:

At the close of Bro. Wright's meeting on yesterday, one young man, a school teacher, came forward and made the good confession, and was immersed the same hour of the day.

The prospects, as far as Christianity is concerned, is flattering in this country; for the Gospel of the Son of God is a power unto salvation to every one that obeys it, and there are many that have been influenced to make the good confession since Bro. Wright has been with us. But to God be all the praise.

Fraternally yours,
R. M. CALLISON.

Church News.

(From the Christian Standard.)

—Simpson Ely has changed his address and residence from Delta, Iowa, to Oskaloosa.

—W. Y. Taylor, of California, is going to Texas, to take charge of the school of the Weatherford church.

—Prof. Shackelford, of Lexington, Ky., will occupy the Jacksonville, Ill., pulpit during the month of July.

—Bro. J. M. Atwater has resigned work at Springfield, Ill., and Bro. Buford Allen, of Mechanicsburg, will take his place.

—Bro. Allen and *The Old Path Guide* are permanently established in our midst. *The Old Path Guide* is growing rapidly in popularity and usefulness. Bro. A. is more than meeting expectations. He deals in living questions. He presents issues clearly and handles them vigorously and thoroughly.

—The Missionary Board of Kentucky met in Louisville July 4, and appointed Bro. W. H. Lewis as State Evangelist at a salary of \$25 per month.

—Bro. D. D. Sebra has settled with the Missionary Board satisfactorily, all monies due from him as Treasurer of the Board for 1875, and he is extricated from all charges as hitherto published against him.

—Bro. John W. Marshall, who was excommunicated from the Hancock St. Church at Louisville, has given satisfaction and has been restored to the church as a member, with the understanding he is not to preach, and the churches are hereby warned not to receive him as a preacher until further notice is given.

—The churches of Louisville have got under consideration a Bible school and the following committee were appointed to cooperate with them: Preston Taylor, A. W. Redd and Leroy Redd.

—Bro. R. B. Neal met with the Board at Louisville, and we congratulate the Campbell St. brethren on having one of the best business men in the State.

—Sister Goodwin writes that she is improving a little, and is hopeful of recovery. If will-power can conquer, she will surely recover. Bro. Goodwin, in addition to his other troubles has had a severe attack of rheumatism. Mentally, what slight change has taken place is for the better.

—C. J. Kimball—not unknown to our readers—has gone from Golconda, Ill., to Mayfield, Ky., to be associated with Bro. Butler in the publication of the *Apostolic Church*. Bro. K. has an ardent love of such work, and is a man of sound judgment and big heart, for whom we wish the largest success.

—Bro. L. N. Early, of Gallatin, Tenn., shows his face among us again for a few weeks, on a little home run to Petersburg, Ky. After two years' hard service together at Gallatin, preacher and people have concluded to prolong their cooperation, and Bro. E. will return there. We are glad to know that his excellent qualities of mind and character are so well appreciated.

—Bro. J. S. West, of Brown county preached at the Fifth street church, Covington, last Lord's day, and we enjoyed a call from him at our office on Monday, in company with his earnest and devoted Christian daughter, Sister M. E. West. Bro. W. is a tower of strength to the cause in Brown county, and if he would come out this way oftener and be better known, we should be glad.

(From the Christian.)

—Prof. D. S. Jordan of Butler University, has resigned his position, and Prof. Bohanan has been elected to fill the vacancy.

—Bro. Delaunay still continues baptizing people in Paris. Let the brethren sustain him in his good work.

—Bro. T. P. Haley, has been to Princeton, Mo., preaching.

—Pres. R. Lin Cave, of Canton Mo., preaches as well as presides over Christian University.

—We are glad to learn that Bro. Eli Fisher has been engaged to preach for the churches at Burnside and Adrain, Ill., the second year.

—Bro. M. W. Reid of Metropolis, Ill., a graduate of Ky. University desires to serve a church, some place, on a reasonable salary. He wants to locate some place in the West.

—Last Saturday Bro. Garrison and family were at Lake, Colorado, 92 miles from Denver, on this western trip.

—The annual meeting of the Churches of Christ in New Eng., was held in Portland, Maine, last month.

—J. M. Tribble, of Memphis, Tenn., is a missionary to Old Virginia. Hope he will not have to tarry as long as Jacob did, but that he may get a real Rachel, indeed.

—F. W. Pattee, is to engage in evangelistic labors in Nova Scotia.

—Our excellent B. B. Tyler, of Louisville, Ky., has fled to the cool breezes of Worcester, Mass. He expects to remain in New Eng., till September.

Married.

At the residence of R. R. Boothby, in Monmouth, July 20, 1879, Mr. William Whitney, of Marion county, and Miss Harriett McFadden, of Polk county—both of Oregon. The parties were both blind. The happy couple will reside at Butteville, Oregon.

The printers acknowledge the receipt of the cake, the merits of which they discussed with the very finest relish, and now testify that it was good.

General Church News.

(From the Sunday Chronicle.)

—In the last class of 129 graduates at Princeton only nineteen enter the ministry.

—The late Captain Pratt of Essex, Conn., left in his will \$100,000 in trust for a school for the children of Congregational Church Members.

—The evangelist, the Rev. E. P. Hammond, has returned to his home in Vernon, Conn., from his campaign in Canada. He worked in Brantford, Chatham and Guelph as centers, and it is estimated that not less than 4000 persons were converted at his meetings.

—A Presbyterian minister in Colorado has within a year organized two churches, built one house of worship and a parsonage, bought a church organ, established two Sunday-schools and three prayer-meetings, taught three catechism classes and supplied six preaching stations.

—Rev. R. J. Loxley, curate of St. Edmund's Northampton, lecturing before a Church of Eng., Workingmen's Society, said that not only should picture galleries and museums be thrown open on Sunday, but people might profitable indulge on that day in various outdoor recreations, such as skating, cricketing and boating.

—A new Professorship has been founded in the Congregational Theological Seminary of Chicago, by a donation of \$4,000 and the Rev. G. B. Wilcox, D. D., of Stamford, Conn., has been appointed to fill the new chair, which is that of Pastoral Theology, now taught by Prof. Hyde, who is to be transferred to the Professorship of Greek.

—The Reformed Episcopal Church has now 9448 communicants, an increase of 3140 for the past year, the largest gain in any previous year, except, probably the first. There are 8000 children in the Sunday schools, and 100 ministers. Fifteen new congregations were added last year, and six new church buildings were opened.

—The census returns of the Established Church of Scotland, just taken show that there are in that communion 515,786 communicants, of whom 267,875 are females. These members are from a population of 3,360,000, and the list is larger by 36,000 than it was five years ago. The friends of the Establishment are rejoicing greatly over the favorable nature of the exhibit.

—In Amsterdam the Holland Church has ten churches and 39,000 members, the French Reformed Church two churches and 2354 members, English Reformed Church one church, the Armenians one church and 834 members, the Roman Church nineteen churches and 65,000 members, and besides seven other churches distributed among Mennonites and other denominations, and nine Jewish synagogues with 6000 members.

—The General Synod of the Moravian Church met at Herrnhut, Germany, May 26th, after an interval of about 11 years. Fifty-three members were present, of whom eleven were from America, including two Bishops, Bishop Edmund de Schweinitz of America was chosen Pres., of the Synod by a vote of 33 to 17 for H. L. Reichel. Three Vice Presidents were chosen, one each from the German the British and the American provinces. The Synod then proceeded to business.

MOROVIAN.—The Gen. Synod of the Moravian Church assembled at Herrnhut, Saxony, on Monday, May 26th. This gathering had an interesting feature in being the only Synodical body of the kind in Protestant Christendom, the entire church throughout the world in its home provinces and its missions being represented in the General Synod. The Church of Rome is the only other body of Christians in which such organ and actual union is upheld. The delegation from the American province left Philadelphia on May 3d, in the steamship Ohio.

The lessons of disappointment, humiliation, and blunder, impress more than those of a thousand masters.—Fuseli.

Literary Notices.

We have just received the July No. of the *Christian Monitor*, published by the Christian Publishing Co., St. Louis, Mo., and edited by Mrs. M. M. B. Goodwin and Mrs. S. E. Smart. It is filled with the choicest original reading, and is a delightful companion for a summer afternoon. It should be taken by every Christian family. Send for it, only \$2.00 a year.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE for August presents manifold attractions, and the powerful claims of the periodical to extensive patronage cannot possibly be gain-said. It is probably the most pleasing magazine published, containing a greater variety of choice reading matter and more illustrations than any of its contemporaries. Its literature is pure and healthful, inculcating exalted sentiments; it is always vivacious, and edifies and instructs while it entertains. The opening article is a deeply interesting one, by Prof. W. Wells, on "Emigration to the Holy Land"; and Mr. Guernsey furnishes a second one on the Persecutions, treating of the "Crusades against the Albigenses and Waldenses." In the Editorial Departments the editor treats of timely topics—"Putting on Airs," "Clergymen's Vacations," etc., etc. The 128 quarto pages are in fact, crowded with good things, and the embellishments number nearly 100. The price is only \$3 per annum, postpaid, and subscriptions are received for six months, \$1.50; four months, \$1. The price of a single copy is 25 cents. Address Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 & 57 Park Place, N. Y.

BALLOU'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE FOR AUGUST.—This popular magazine promptly made its appearance on the day of publication, and is just as good and just as interesting as the most devoted lover of literature could desire. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley Street, Boston, at \$1.50 a year, postpaid, and for sale at all the periodical depots in the country for 15 cents a copy.

From all parts of the country reports come of the immense sales and increasing demands for that deservingly popular Sewing Machine, The Old and Reliable "STANDARD," the price of which the proprietors wisely reduced to \$29 including all the attachments, and at once secured for them a popularity among the people, far beyond that ever yet attained by any other machine at any price, the consequence of which is, agents are leaving the old high priced machines, and seeking territory for the "STANDARD." Knowing from experience that with the best goods at the lowest price they can outsell all other machines, where the superior quality and low price is made known. This splendid Machine combines all the improvements. Is far ahead of all others in beauty and durability of its work, ease of management, and light running, is sensibly made upon sound principles, with positive working parts all steel, and can safely put down as the very perfection of a Serviceable Shuttle Double Thread Sewing Machine, in every particular, that will outlast any Machine, and at a price far down below any other. It is thoroughly warranted for five years. Kept in order free of charge. And sent to any part of the Country for examination by the customer before payment of the bill. We can predict equally as large a demand for them in this section as others. Families desiring the best Machine manufactured should write direct to the Factory. And enterprising persons wishing to seize the chance should apply for so desirable an agency. See advertisement in another part of this paper. Address, Standard Machine Co., Cor. Broadway and Clinton Place, New York.

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Very respectfully, MRS. I. R. COLES.
All men are alike in their lower natures; it is in their higher characters that they differ.—Dovee.