

ion. All have two chapters too many in their present ecclesiastic constitutions. The contents of the aforesaid two chapters are various and different in all the sects, but they all have these two chapters under some name. In some they are long, and in some they are short; but whether long or short, let every one agree to tear them out of his book and burn them, and be satisfied with faith, piety and morality. Let human philosophy and human tradition, as any part of the Christian institution, be thrown overboard into the sea, and then the ship of the church will make a prosperous, safe and happy voyage across the ocean of time, and finally, under the triumphant flag of Immanuel, gain a safe anchorage in the haven of eternal rest.

I would appeal to every honorable, good, and loyal citizen of the kingdom of Heaven—to every one that seeks the good of Zion, that loves the kingdom and the appearing of our common Lord and Savior—whether such a concession be not due to the Lord, to the saints in heaven and on earth, and to the whole human race, in the crisis in which we are now placed; and whether we could propose less, or ought to demand more, than to make one whole burnt offering of all our "empty and deceitful philosophy,"—our "science, falsely so called"—and our traditions received from our fathers. I would leave it to the good sense of every sane mind to say, whether such a whole burnt offering would not be the most acceptable peace-offering which, in this our day, could be presented on the altar of the Prince of Peace; and whether, under the teachings of the Apostles of the Great Prophet, the church might not again triumphantly stand upon the holy ground which she so honorably occupied before Origin, Austin, or the first Pope, was born!

Reports from the Field.

CARLTON, OR., Dec. 28, 1880.

Bro. Campbell:

I again visited Chehalem, and held meeting at the West Chehalem school house on Friday night and Saturday at eleven before the fourth Lord's day in this month; and also preached on the Chehalem mountain on Saturday evening and Sunday and Sunday evening. Our congregation on the mountain was good and orderly.

Our meeting resulted in one accession by confession and baptism. The interest at this place is good with bright prospect ahead. The brethren here are alive and are willing to work. On Sunday evening we engaged in a season of prayer, in which many of our sisters took an active part, and also the young people with scarcely an exception, took an active part. In all the prayer meetings that it was my privilege to enjoy, a better one I never visited nor saw so many young people according to their number take part. At the close of our meeting we sang a good old hymn and took the parting hand, in which all engaged, promising to pray for each other.

May God bless those good people and increase their fervent devotion is my prayer.

T. M. MORGAN.

SCIO, LINN CO., OR.,
Dec. 22, 1880.

Editor P. C. Messenger:

I have just returned home from a visit to an old field of labor, in the upper edge of this Linn county. I was invited to hold a meeting at Liverpool, a station on the East side railroad, about three miles from Harrisburg. There being some misgivings in the minds of the people as to whether there would be any preaching or not, caused by the rain and the uncertainty of my being there, the attendance was quite small the first evening, but the next evening there was a good attendance, and the attendance continued to be large

to the close.

The result was four additions, three confessions and baptisms and one from the old school of regular Baptist church. The one from the old school Baptists is about eighty years of age, and has been a member of the Baptist church for about fifty years, and is a man of more than ordinary mind and strictly honest in every way. He is well posted in the Bible, and is more than a match even for the common preacher. I shall ever hold in grateful memory his kind and fatherly talk. Another one of the additions was from the Methodists, a lady of intelligence and good standing in the community. She had heard the debate between Elder Strong and Bro. Wright, which I think had much to do with her present action. The other two were men in the prime of life, but had never been members of any church. I have every confidence in their making good and worthy members of the body of Christ.

My wife joins me in thanking brethren and friends for various acts of kindness shown us during the meeting. We have a number of noble brethren and sisters in the vicinity of Harrisburg. May the Lord bless them.

Yours in one hope,

E. W. BARNES.

Appointments.

Bro. P. R. Burnett, of Salem, will commence a series of meetings with the Christian church at Lafayette, on Sunday, January 6th, to continue over the Sunday following.

Bro. Campbell:

Will you please make the following announcements:

The Lord permitting I will engage in a meeting at Bethel, commencing on Friday evening before the second Lord's day in January.

At Sheridan, on Friday evening before the third Lord's day.

At Carlton, commencing on Tuesday at 2 P. M. To continue until the following Friday before the fourth Lord's day in January.

At the West Chehalem school house on Friday night, and on the Chehalem Mountain (at the Gibbs school house), on Saturday at eleven and at night. At the Blitcher school house on Sunday the (fourth Lord's day) at eleven and at night.

Also commencing on Friday evening before the fifth Lord's day in Bro. Gillam's neighborhood in Happy Valley to continue over Sunday.

Your brother in the Gospel,
T. M. MORGAN.

Church and Educational Items.

—The Christian or Disciples church in the United States stands fourth in rank, with \$28,000 communicants. It controls 3 universities, 15 colleges and 100 seminaries and high schools.—*Covenant.*

—There are seventeen different school ages in the states and territories, seventeen years being the longest period and six years the shortest. The earliest age at which pupils are admitted to the public schools in any state is four years.

—Chrisman Hall, the new college for colored youth in Atlanta, has just been opened, and is already nearly filled with pupils. It has a president and five teachers, who are paid by the Freedmen's Aid Society, and the price of tuition is very small. Mrs. Chrisman, of Topeka, gave \$10,000 for the establishment of the college, and the rest of the \$40,000 which it cost came from the Freedmen's Aid Society and from Bishop Haven's efforts to get private subscriptions.

—A service was recently announced at the St. Matthew's, Sydenham, London, "for children of the upper classes." Whereupon the following amendment to the well-known saying was promptly offered by a newspaper commentator: "Suffer little children

of the upper classes to come unto me."

—In the controversy on the doctrine of predestination, now going on in the Lutheran Synodical Conference, Professor Walther and Professor Schmidt are the champions of the respective parties. Prof. Schmidt holds that God elected to eternal life those whose faith he, in his omniscience, foresaw; though faith is not to be looked on as something meritorious. The Walther view rejects: "1. The two-fold election—i. e., election of some to salvation and others to damnation. 2. The notion that the general invitation of the Gospel is not seriously meant. 3. That Christ died only for the elect." At a recent conference held in Chicago, to discuss the subject, 600 pastors from all parts of the country were in attendance.

—At the meeting of the Massachusetts Society for the University Education of Women, recently held in Boston, Mr. John Tetlow, principal of the Girls' Latin School, addressed the members on the subject "The Eastern Colleges for Women: their Aims, Means, and Methods." This paper presented the results of a comparison of the institutions devoting themselves to the higher education of women—Boston University, the Harvard Annex, Smith, Vassar, and Wellesley Colleges—and showed the present status of each as regards requisites for admission, courses for instruction, and educational appliances.

—The sympathy which the French Jesuits have failed to evoke in Portugal and Spain has been promptly offered by the English Church Union, which represents the Ritualistic wing of the Church of England. Mr. Charles Wood, president of the Union, "in the name of 12 bishops, 2,500 clergymen, of 15,800 laymen of the Church of England," has addressed a letter to Cardinal Guibert, Archbishop of Paris, expressing to the Catholics of France the indignation which all the members of the English Church Union feel on account of the persecution to which the religious orders in France are subjected.

Literary Notices.

Now is the time to subscribe to the *Sunday Magazine*: The January Number, which commences a new volume, is a very brilliant Holiday one, opening with a poem, "Christmas," and followed by "Christmas Carols and Customs," "The Children's Carols," "St. Nicholas, the Patron of Christmas," "Christmas Eve in Madrid," "Christmas Eve in the Far West," etc., etc. A new and powerful serial is commenced, entitled, "Out of the World," by Mrs. O'Reilly, there are several interesting short stories, sketches, essays and poems, in fact, the 128 quarto pages are filled with highly entertaining and instructive articles, and the embellishments are numerous and beautiful. The magazine has now reached its ninth volume, and has deservedly a large circulation: it pleasantly inculcates religious, moral and virtuous sentiments, and should be found in every family in the land. The price for a single copy is only 25 cents, and the yearly subscription \$3; six months \$1.50; four months \$1, sent post free. Address, Frank Leslie's Publishing House, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, N. Y.

Vick's MONTHLY for December has a plume of Pampas grass, on a blue ground, as a frontispiece. The whole number is full of useful, pleasant hints for the cultivation of flowers. Send for it next year. Twelve beautiful magazines for \$1.25 James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

GOOD COMPANY, (\$3.00 a year, Springfield, Mass.) Number Fifteen, has an account of a steamboat trip to the head of navigation on the Missouri river by Mr. Herbert Hall Winslow, which happily combines information and incident, and is not wanting in graphic description of scenery and experiences with Indians, etc., in that little-known region of our vast Northwest. One of the novel and characteristic occurrences on the trip was a free fight among some of the steamboat hands. Apropos of Dora d'Istria's recent visit to the United States, the story of that most remarkable woman's life is given. Mrs. M. S. Bull writes of the noble philanthropist Gerrit Smith. There is an account of the origin and growth of the United States Life-saving service, including some vivid descriptions of its members' experiences with wrecks; a paper on

Eskimo traditions; an account of the Chinese professor and his family at Cambridge; and "Autumn Leaves" by E. S. Gilbert. For Fiction there is an installment of Ellen W. Olney's serial, and several complete stories. One or two shorter articles, with poems and the department of "Discussion and Suggestion," fill out the number.

THE DOMESTIC MONTHLY FOR JANUARY, 1881.—The *Domestic Monthly* begins the new year with a brave show of handsome costumes, furs, and winter wrappings, and has much enthusiastic talk concerning boots and bonnets, all of which is of consequence to ladies. In the Publishers' Department will be found a reduced cut of Millais' famous painting, "Yes, or No?" offered this year as a premium. This is one of those pictures whose sentiment at once appeals to the imagination of the beholder, and possesses that fascinating and suggestive power that is so important in all art works designed for home decoration.

The *Domestic Monthly* is published by Blake & Company, corner Broadway and Fourteenth Street, New York, at \$1.50 per year, inclusive of pattern premium. Single copies 15 cents.

The holiday number of *Our Little Ones*, Oliver Optic's new illustrated magazine for the little people is before us. It is full of the wonderful doings of Santa Claus, and bright with Christmas stories and carols. Russell Publishing Co., 149 A Tremont St., Boston.

Buckle's explanation of the decline of the spirit of religious persecution, was that in modern times faith had undergone an eclipse, and men could not bring themselves to persecute others into believing that whereof they were themselves skeptical. The inadequateness of this explanation of one of the most striking social phenomena of our time, is forcibly shown in the *North American Review* for January, by Prof. John Fiske, who assigns a number of other causes that have been at least as influential in bringing about this most desirable result. First, there is the decline of the martial spirit and the greater devotion to pacific industrial pursuits. Then, as men rise in the scale of civilization, they are less disposed to be domineering. Finally, men in modern times have quite lost the sense of corporate responsibility—the belief that a whole community is liable for the offenses of each individual comprised in it. These points are established with all the ingenuity of reasoning and wealth of learning for which the author is so distinguished. The other articles in this number of the Review are: "Controlling Forces in American Politics" by Senator Geo. F. Edmunds; "Atheism in Colleges," by Pres. John Bascom; "The Ruins of Central America," by Desires Charney; "Popular Art-education," by Prof. John F. Weir; "The Limitations of Sex," by Nina Morais; "The Mission of the Democratic Party," by Senator W. A. Wallace; and finally a review of Recent Philological Works, by Prof. F. A. March.

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